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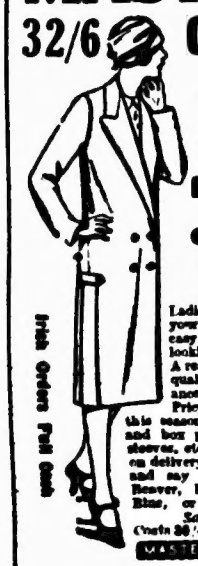

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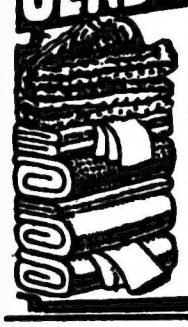

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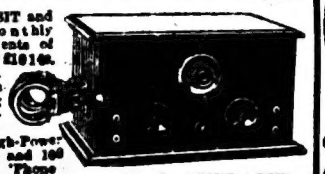

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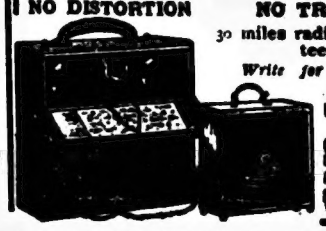

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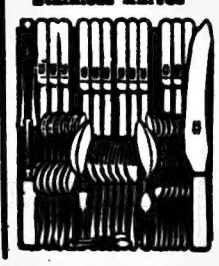

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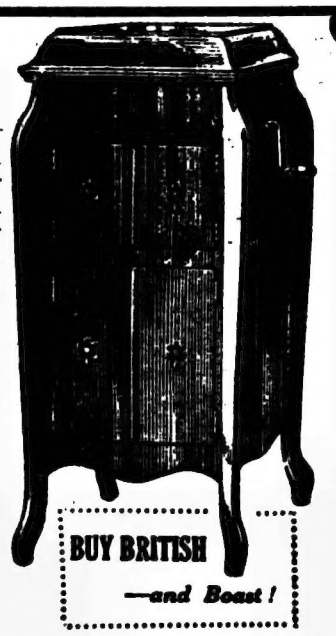

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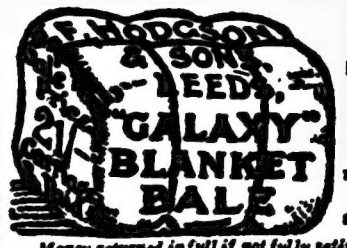

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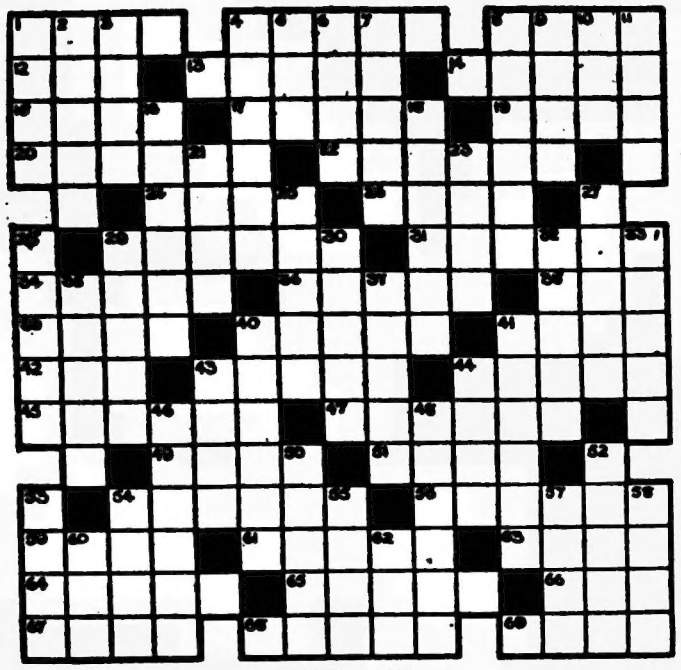

CLUES ACROSS

1. Going first
4. Food of raw herbs
8. Peace
12. Consumed
13. Large water-fowl
14. State reception
15. To work by the day
17. Fossilised resin
19. A small bottle
20. Irksomeness
22. Substance on teeth
24. Snatch
26. A row
29. The best brandy
31. Ridicule
34. Worth
36. Implied
38. Lair
39. Roman name for York
40. Female of man
41. Despatched
42. A riot
43. Doctrine
44. Degree of colour
45. A funnel
47. Edible plant
49. We live on one
51. 480 sheets of paper
54. Confine
56. Hollow under the shoulder
59. Skin eruption
61. Where birds rest
63. Bondage
64. Ill-tempered
65. Small napkin
66. To know
67. Type of weight
68. Coin
69. To ward off

CLUES DOWN

1. Reality
2. Different
3. Peruse
4. Sailor
5. Equip
6. Lower part of the ear
7. Even with
8. Return to
9. Wickedness
10. Expanse of water
11. Announce
16. Strictness
18. Dried grape
21. To press
23. Flesh for food
25. A staff
27. Tendency
28. Open
29. Funny man
30. Ship of the desert
32. Perfect
33. Go in
35. Concerning
37. To provide food
40. The Sam of Dickens fame
41. Wriggling dance
43. Trial
44. Heavenly object
46. XO
48. Tidily
50. To eat away
52. Compare
53. Separate
54. Preposition denoting entrance
55. Mid-day
57. Thrust
58. Be inclined
60. Vehicle
62. Violation of divine law

The solution of last week's Cross-Word Puzzle is on page 2.

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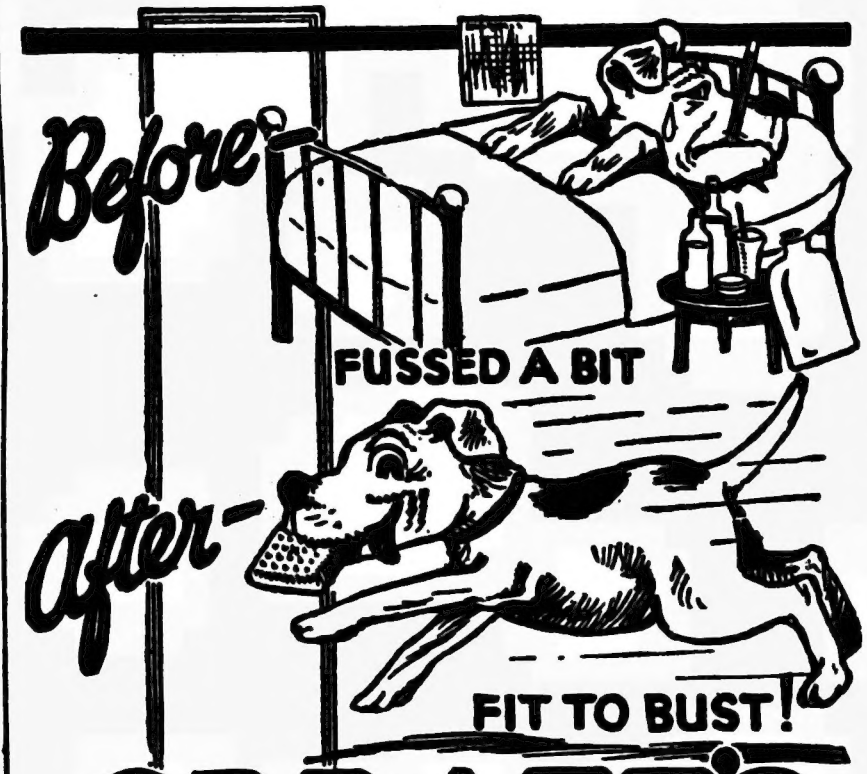

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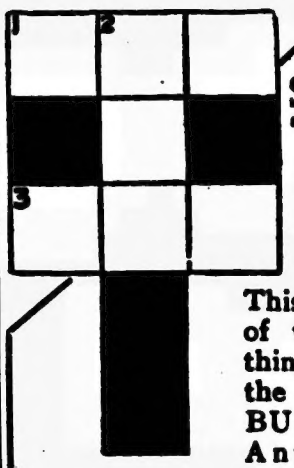

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The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

The Talking-shop.

After meeting month after month to legalise a "state of emergency"—whereas the crying need was measures to make the emergency illegal—Parliament opens its doors next month for "business as usual." But it has not emerged from the emergency.

Imperialism at Home.

The surest way to fill up the waste spaces of the Empire would be to recreate in Britain a teeming agricultural population with a love of life on the land.

A Leaderless Legion.

Liberals will postpone indefinitely the election of a successor to Lord Oxford. A tip was received from the rank and file that if Earl Beauchamp were selected he would be a leader without a Party. In the circumstances, a Party without a leader is considered preferable.

The Whip's Hand.

A round, however, is likely to be fought over the Chief Whip. Sir Godfrey Collins is one of those who signed a manifesto announcing the impossibility of working with Lloyd George. Will L. G. now agree to work with Godfrey Collins?

Room at the Top.

With a leaderless Liberal Party and the other Parties chiefly agog in working up a "class war," there is the biggest chance for a really great man this country has seen for a long time. Where is he?

The Dark Horse.

Rumours are flying that Sir W. Mitchell-Thomson will be nominated chairman of the Conservative Party in place of Colonel F. S. Jackson. Take our tip and don't bet. When announced his successor will be a surprise.

Cabinet Disunion.

Despite Mr. Baldwin's pleas for "tranquillity," a storm is brewing over the question of trade union legislation. The Premier wishes to leave things alone, but a new codification of trade union laws is in preparation and has strong Cabinet support.

Political Canutes.

We are informed that at the Conservative headquarters a department has been set up to combat the menace of the co-operative movement. To attempt to restrict the functions of so well-established and admirably organised an institution is sheer madness.

Words without Deeds.

Though both the Premier and the Chancellor of the Exchequer have accused the coalowners of lacking in public spirit in a grave national crisis, they fear to go further. Any Government possessing vitality would quickly bring to heel those who stood in the way of the prosperity of the nation as a whole.

A Cheaper Way.

When exporting coalowners find how hard it is to regain their foreign markets, it may strike them that it would have paid them better to organise agreement with their competitors instead of disagreement with their men.

The New "Plan."

The "Christian Ministry of Intercession" suggests that the British Empire delegates should form themselves into a conference to settle the coal trouble. What's the matter with the Samuel Report? Let the Government give effect to that and the trouble is ended, at once.

Business is Business.

It is encouraging to learn that the City and the banks are now inclined to use their influence towards a trade understanding with Russia. To cut off one's nose to spite one's face is the policy of a lunatic.

The Protection Hydra.

Manufacturers of Bradford woollens still toy with the Protection idea. We recommend them to study the bankers' plea for removal of tariff barriers. What's wanted is not more restrictions, but more elasticity in trade.

Rival Traders.

In 1913 China possessed only 1,050,000 cotton spindles, whilst to-day she has 3,350,000. Japan has reached 5,447,000 from 2,414,544, and in the same period India has advanced from 5,131,945 to 8,516,000. If Britain would hold her own she must work at high pressure.

Silvery Spoil o' the Sea.

In one day, at Yarmouth and Lowestoft, over 20,000,000 herrings were landed. They sold at an average of 32s. per thousand. At what price they will reach the poor in the big towns is what we want to know. Herrings are good food, and should be cheap.

Better Late than Never.

We congratulate Hull City Council on taking back into their service the 170 tramway-men whose places had been filled by volunteers during the general strike. "As you were and no reprisals" was the Prime Minister's view of settlement, and it never ought to have been violated.

The "Childish" Complaint.

Isolation hospitals formerly devoted to scarlet fever cases are being given up to measles. It's in the poor, airless homes that measles is death-dealing. Among the children of the well-to-do mortality from measles is negligible. Another hard fact for our housing authorities to ponder.

Another reader loses sight of eye.

"JOHN BULL" pays £125

The Protest.

Deptford Borough Council is protesting against "the shameless profiteering in the sale of coal." Those who profiteer out of misery of the poor are traitors to the country.

A Happy Christmas!

Captain Ian Fraser, the sightless M.P., hopes that Parliament this year will make every blind man a Christmas present of his wireless licence. So do we.

Our Gallant Lifeboats.

In the first two weeks of this month there have been twenty-two launches of lifeboats and thirty-six lives have been rescued. The crews deserve all our gratitude.

A Wet Job.

The N.U.R. is pressing for provision of proper oilskin clothing to help shunters to withstand weather conditions. Surely this is reasonable. Shunting is a dangerous job. There's no need for pulmonary troubles to be added to the risk.

Many a Mickle.

From poor kiddies in Camberwell have come wonderful gifts to the annual Pound Day of King's College Hospital. One boy brought one thousand farthings. The hearts of the country's children are in the right place.

London Houses.

The deficiency of £811,764 on the London County Council housing schemes will be blamed by anti-municipal fanatics to extravagance. What's really wrong is locked-up land. But few take that into consideration.

Norwich Sets the Pace.

Norwich, already leading the way with cheap electricity, is now extending its electrical scheme in a new power-station. Farmers are looking forward to electrically driven machinery. New times demand new methods as Norwich knows.

Business in Pigland.

The Ministry of Agriculture thinks the production annually of another two and three-quarter million pigs in this country should not be beyond the British farmer. An increase of production all round would follow land reform, but that point, as usual, is overlooked.

Cinema Sense.

In the past seven years Birmingham hospitals have benefited by more than £125,000 by the opening of the picture-houses on Hospital Sunday. One day they'll open on all Sundays. Empty the wet and cold streets and there'll be less work for hospitals.

The Stranglehold.

Mining royalties up to £455,000 a year are paid to the Established Church. It's worth thinking about when settling the question of wages paid to miners. There's more than one way of honouring the Almighty where coal profits are concerned.

Stringent Enquiry Needed.

Councillor A. G. Hine has raised the question of the dismissal of certain Corporation workmen at Margate. It is stated that men were discharged prior to a week's holiday to which they were entitled and then taken on again. The Margate Town Council must not be allowed to evade the answer to this charge.

Maimed Workmen.

It is good to know that a British Dominion has the highest workmen's compensation rates in the world. A workman in Ontario, Canada, who loses an arm or a leg may receive as much as £4,000. In Great Britain the maximum amount payable, even in the event of death, is £600. The contrast should make the Motherland feel mean.

Buried Talent.

Frederick Boden, a young Chesterfield miner, has had his poems praised by no less an authority than Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch. The best Irish novel for years was written by a village postman. Many other instances might be cited. There would be ten times more if we were quicker to recognise genius and gave it a chance.

Waiting for the Kill?

Hugh Drummond, of Overton Farm, Mauchline, had been five times convicted of reckless driving or for being drunk in charge of a car. When he appeared at the Ayr Sheriff Court for the sixth time for driving while under the influence of drink, he was fined £30. So obstinate an offender should have been sent to prison.

Rally Round.

A call to all members of the Trade Union and Labour Movements to take active part in the national anti-war and disarmament demonstrations deserves the serious consideration of every working man. Nor must their wives be lukewarm. In warfare it is the poor who suffer to the greatest degree, whence it is more largely in their interests that this maddest vice of man should be checked.

Brotherhood of the Sea.

With their ship sinking under them, the crew of the Grimsby drifter *Bloomfield* were glad to see the German trawler *Simon van Utrecht* respond to their signals of distress. The Germans floated a buoy to the doomed vessel and the eight Britons were pulled through the water to life. The act of these brave Germans will do something to bring into reality the oft-repeated hope of statesmen that war-time hatred will be buried.

It Was Fine.

The arrest in Liverpool of an armed man, named William McAllister who is alleged to have held up a bank, as a result of which four persons were dangerously wounded, points to something splendid in British character. The courage that is sometimes said to belong peculiarly to war-time is evidently on tap in times of peace. To run after an armed man who is shooting right and left needs coolness and courage of no mean order.

A Hero in the Dark.

When a blind man, James Sawyer, called on Henry Burge, seventy-seven, at Bath, he got no answer from his friend, but detected a smell of burning. The blind man groped about the house until his hands touched Burge, who had fallen on to the fire. He beat out the flames, but Burge has died from his injuries. The heroism of the blind man braving the dangers of a house which, for all he knew, was on fire, and groping for his stricken friend is beyond all praise.

Well Done, Eric!

Hearty congratulations to Eric H. Mundy, the sixteen-year-old son of a London compositor, of Arcadian Gardens, Wood Green, who has just won, in open competition with British schoolboys all over Great Britain and in Ireland, the £200-a-year scholarship awarded by the Government of Victoria, and who will finish out his education at Melbourne Grammar School. The final decision was given for moral character as well as scholastic achievements. Eric has once more proved that "it's dogged as does it!"

Wireless Wizardry.

Wireless messages between the *Cedric* and the *Canadian Leader* led to a member of the latter's crew being placed out of danger when injured, and later another message from the *Tisby* brought Dr. A. G. V. Elder in a boat from the *Cedric* to perform an operation on a seaman's hand. When all science is organised for the help and not the injury of man, the world will be paradise.

Ejecting the J.P.

When two men were charged at Crewe with loitering with intent to commit a felony, a Glasgow magistrate and solicitor, James Niel Doherty, continually interrupted the proceedings, and was sharply called to order. He would not behave himself, however, and finally had to be removed from the court by the nape of his neck. A man who could be guilty of such contempt should never again be allowed to sit upon the Bench.

Hands Off!

The natives of the little Herefordshire village of Woolhope have lately been deprived of the privilege of gleaning branches in the extensive woods of the district. It is by means of these that many of them have been able to combat the coal shortage. Now the Forestry Commissioners, who are removing timber for sale, have decided to burn this surplus wood on the spot rather than allow the inhabitants to gather it. Only a Government Department could be so stupidly inhuman.

"Hang the Kaiser!"

After a stormy debate in the Prussian Diet, the Hohenzollern Settlement Bill passed its third reading. By its provisions the ex-Kaiser receives 250,000 acres of land and numerous castles in Germany. Moreover, he will be paid £250,000 in cash immediately, a further £250,000 on February 1, 1927, and a similar sum in May, 1927. He is said to be "delighted with the arrangement." If that doesn't teach all Germany's bereaved, and the men who got nothing, of the futility of war as a means of justice, nothing ever will.

The Human Machine

"Stop Thief!"

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

THERE are more forms of theft than are covered by the law. "Who steals my purse, steals trash; but he that filches from me my good name, robs me of that which not enriches him, and makes me poor indeed."

So said Shakespeare. He might have said much more. He might have referred to those cynical thieves who go about stealing people's dreams, snatching their ideals and their illusions, destroying their idols and pulling down their cherished temples.

Beliefs, even patently mistaken beliefs, are things to be respected, not jeered at, for they represent the mental life of a human being.

They represent happiness and contentment, and we should be chary indeed of tearing them to tatters and plunging another's mind and spirit into the abyss of doubt and despair.

YET there are mental ghouls who delight in this sort of thing, people to whom a cherished ideal is merely a target for cheap wit and vulgar cynicism.

Mental thieves! Thieves of dreams! What do they know of tolerance and friendship, companionship and the gospel of the helping hand?

For your mental thief is also a mental bully, cruel and careless of others.

"Live and let live" may be an old saw. It may be trite. It has yet to be bettered as a guide to life.

Futile Pleading.

Two young labourers, Herbert Alfred Humphrey and Richard Posthumus, pleaded at the Old Bailey that they had been prompted to burglary by reading "Raffles." The Common Serjeant advised them not to be such fools again. "It is the receivers who get the money, while the thieves lead a life of misery," he warned them. If this lesson could be hammered into the heads of the young, crime would speedily decrease.

A Noble Sacrifice.

While Bernard Hempsey, of Springburn Road, Glasgow, was walking towards his home, he saw that a large billposting hoarding was about to fall upon two young children, Robert and Donald Forbes. He dashed forward, but the hoarding fell before he had achieved his object. The children escaped with shock, but the plucky Hempsey had his collar-bone broken, and died a little later. All honour to this gallant hero!

Desertion Made Easy.

If the case of an ex-soldier named Bennett can be taken as a criterion, a man may desert his wife and children with impunity so long as he leaves the land, nor need he hesitate to marry again. The Dartford Board of Guardians has spent more than £500 on two of Bennett's children, while he is living in France with a second wife and five infants. The case has been placed before the Ministry of Health, who, it is hoped, will be able to do something to bring the fellow to book.

Lesson for Magistrates.

Albert Frederick Bonner, aged eighteen, was at the West London Police Court sentenced to six months' imprisonment for embezzling his employer's money. When the case was under review at the London Sessions, Sir Robert Wallace mercifully decided to bind the lad over. "It is a thing of the past in this court to send boys to prison for a first offence, and thus to ruin their careers," he said. And it should be a thing of the past in every court in the land.

A Large Order.

When a tall and powerfully built young labourer was charged at Marylebone with being drunk and disorderly, the magistrate was astounded when a young policewoman of slight build, Miss Agnes Sturdy, stepped forward to give evidence of arrest. She stated that the prisoner kicked and struggled violently to get away. With the aid of a male officer, he was eventually got to the station. A bold woman, in truth, Sturdy by name and sturdy by nature!

Help through "John Bull."

In a recent issue we drew attention to the plight of an old artilleryman named F. A. Waterhouse, who, through a chapter of accidents, found himself in distressed circumstances. As a result, an old Army friend whom he knew in happier days has offered Waterhouse a temporary home, whilst the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, the British Legion and the Artillery War Commemoration Society are taking active steps to find him employment of a suitable nature.

Labour Kaisers.

Alderman Fletcher, Labour chairman of Wigan Corporation Tramways, has refused to run early morning cars for miners who have returned to work. He says it would not be honest to allow a municipal tramway service to be used in a manner not in the best interests of trade unionism. As the ratepayers own the trams, which are run for workers, such Labour Kaiserism is not honest to the people. It is the public which has the right to decide what cars shall be run.

His Pound of Flesh.

The Rothesay Town Council, anxious to clear the slums in their district, desired to secure land on which they could erect accommodation for the dispossessed tenants. They fixed upon some ground belonging to Lord Bute, which their surveyor valued at a feu rate of £12 per acre. His lordship declines to accept any sum less than £25 an acre. The Board of Health is to be approached with a view to compulsory acquisition. We trust an order will be granted.

Whose is the Blame?

When John Dean, an auxiliary postman at Hackney Sub-Office, was charged with stealing postal orders, he declared that his wages scarcely paid for the boot leather he had to find. We have little sympathy with the fellow, since there were thirty-six cases against him, and several previous convictions. Yet a wage of 36s. a week can scarcely be called a living one nowadays, and we submit that if a fair salary were paid these cases of pilfering would greatly diminish.

Lieut. Kow-Tow.

Lieut. Frank de le Jeune, Royal Artillery, has exaggerated notions of the loftiness of his rank. Lieut. de le Jeune complained to the Bedford magistrates that the constable who stopped his car was rude, and when fined 10s. for not producing his licence he talked about an appeal, as the case "affected the whole Army." However, he eventually paid up. The police reply was that he treated them with contempt. He is evidently a young militarist with a lot to learn.

Still They Come!

Yet one more gigantic fortune has been left by a member of the Coats family, the famous thread manufacturers, of Paisley. We have nothing but praise for men who seize their opportunities to get on in the world; but when we consider that thread is an essential in the very poorest households, we cannot but come to the conclusion that the firm of J. and P. Coats, Ltd., has for many years been charging the public an excessive price for its goods. In our opinion, this is not fair trading.

Poor Rich Old Woman.

Because they thought Miss Mary Christie, of High Street, Kinghorn, was poor and friendless without a cent, neighbours were passing kind and did all they could to assist this old woman of eighty-five. Yet, after her death, wads of notes were found in old boots and sewn up in corsets, amounting to more than £500, while other documents showed as much more in estate. There need be no bitterness. The old woman with such a mind was a real sufferer. The neighbours who helped are the real rich.

The Arrogance of Wealth.

We would wager a decent sum that Sir Wilfrid Stokes would not like to do a Westminster dustman's work for five times his money; yet he had the impertinence to write a letter criticising the "high pay" of these men. Since none of them get more than 36s. a week, plus cost-of-living bonuses, we agree with the General Purposes Committee that their wage is not excessive having regard to the nature of their work. There would be less industrial unrest in the land were there not so many people like Sir Wilfrid.

A Bad Slip.

We cannot congratulate the London Labour Women, met at Kingsway Hall, for refusing to subdue the sound of their own voices in order to listen to that of Mr. Clarke Hall, the Old Street magistrate. Mr Hall had kindly consented to spare an hour from his busy life to deal with the problem of the child offender. He arrived in the midst of a lively debate which the delegates objected to end. It was their loss. We approve Mr. Clarke's refusal to wait indefinitely. Women who do not understand the magnitude and importance of his subject are not worth addressing.

Shame!

Ex-Petty-Officer Sweeney, of Belfast, who in a mad frenzy killed his wife and mother-in-law and afterwards took his own life, had served with credit in the British Navy. Indeed, he was a survivor of the ill-fated *Hampshire*. Yet his corpse would have been consigned to a pauper's grave but for the Rev. Samuel Cochrane, who declined to proceed with the service. Later the poor fellow's body was buried in a plot owned by the clergyman himself. Britain would be shamed indeed did not the shining example of such individual citizens as Mr. Cochrane continually rebuke the callousness of officialdom.

Flats and Flat-catchers.

In a recent article, headed "Flats and Flat-catchers," we referred to certain evidence given at the Old Bailey concerning a bogus firm of estate-agents in Shaftesbury Avenue, London. We need hardly say that this evidence and our comments thereon did not refer to any firm of land and estate agents at present practising in Shaftesbury Avenue.

The Power of Publicity.

Following our criticism of certain aspects of the administration of the Ramsgate branch of "Our Dumb Friends' League," we are pleased to note that remedies we called for are to be effected. Kennels are being reserved for strays pending the erection of new ones for that purpose and first-aid appliances are being installed. This is a happy example of the value of publicity.

To Hollywood for 1s. 6d.!

A gentleman named Wallace Dean recently advertised for "300 applicants for British Film Acting urgently wanted to register immediately." Mr. Dean, who occupied a room in Elizabeth Street, Victoria, apparently required a registration fee of 1s. 6d., though he did not state how he proposed to place the ambitious 300 with the film industry in this country in its present precarious condition. Would-be film stars should hesitate.

Unpaid-for Potatoes.

An Essex reader would be glad to learn the present whereabouts of Phillip Darnell, late of 2, Spital Square, Spitalfields, London, E. Early this year he forwarded a consignment of King Edward potatoes to Darnell, for which the latter has not thought it necessary to pay. Latterly, correspondence has been returned marked "Gone away," and though our reader has taken out a summons against Darnell all attempts to locate that individual have been futile.

The Chance of a Lifetime?

The Vernon Supply Co., of Bower Road, Sheffield, describes itself as wholesalers who dispose of their goods "entirely by means of agents." Anyone, apparently, may become an agent by forwarding 4s. 6d. for an "Instruction Guide." Should the proposition not appeal to them they have the option of returning the complete outfit and choosing instead goods to the value of 4s. 6d. from the company's "trade price-lists." As the names of the principals are not disclosed on the company's notepaper we advise caution.

A Mop Mystery.

Some weeks ago a man who represented himself as an agent of the Briton Mop Co., Hendon, N.W., called on a Luton reader and obtained a deposit in respect of a new cleaning-mop, which he promised to deliver in four days' time. She is still waiting for the mop, and enquiries at Somerset House show that no company is registered there under the above name. Doorstep touts, however plausible, should be regarded with disfavour, and the payment of deposits when there is no tangible guarantee is foolish in the extreme.

Blood from a Stone?

A gentleman named W. T. Row is circularising shareholders of the Wareham Electric Supply Co., Ltd.—one of Colonel Octavius Edward Eaton's ramps—to the effect that he is "out to get redress," and to assist those who join with him. Those whose holding is less than £50 will not be asked to contribute towards the expenses incurred, but others who send donations will receive an acknowledgment and an account of how their money is disbursed. Mr. Row is, we do not doubt, perfectly sincere, but we are afraid there is little hope of "redress" in the present instance.

BIRDS FOR WORDS!

WE offer 600 Turkeys and Surrey Fowls in "Bullets" this week! May we send one for your Christmas Dinner? *See p. 39*

Problems of Life

Material or Spiritual?

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

SIR ALAN COBHAM'S wonderful flight to Australia and back has set all the world talking.

It is an achievement of which we as a nation may be justly proud, for it proves that the spirit of daring and adventure is as strong as ever in Englishmen, and that there are still fields of effort wherein men of our race are specially qualified to act as pioneers.

Sir Alan Cobham

The tradition is well maintained. More than three centuries ago Francis Drake was knighted by Queen Elizabeth for sailing round the world in a tiny ship of three hundred tons burden.

It took him three years to complete the voyage, and he had to maintain a running fight with the Spaniards *en route* and to push his way through uncharted seas in a vessel no bigger than a present-day fishing-smack.

Now Cobham is knighted by King George for a deed no less perilous and magnificent than Drake's, though accomplished with a speed that would have made Elizabethans stare in amazement and account the flying man a wizard.

THERE is not only a striking likeness of spirit between the two men, but in some respects between their respective times.

The Elizabethans were full of eager desire to explore the unknown; so are we.

Their quest was geographical; ours is scientific. We are bent on conquering and making use of the vast latent resources of the natural world.

Drake's voyage was really a great spiritual triumph, a feat of endurance and a test of character; Cobham's is the same.

But if our gaze is firmly fixed only on what we can get out of every such exploit in the way of increased wealth, comfort, power over other peoples, new markets, expanding trade, more numerous factories, and the like, then we may be spiritually the worse and not the better for the gains that have been won.

If the present be a materialistic age, it is so because we are making an end of what should be regarded as a means.

SIR OLIVER LODGE says in his book, "Mankind in the Making": "Hitherto we have only been taught to be on our guard against the remains of animal instincts. Material progress has been hailed as if that at least were free from dangers. Its dangers are by far the more insidious of the two."

If we are grosser, more selfish, more earth-bound in our thoughts and ways, then we have missed the essential good that our subjugation of Nature might have brought us.

If we are braver, finer, more hopeful in outlook and more ready to serve our kind, then every material advance we make is also a spiritual gain.

A JEWEL MYSTERY

A PEER'S TREASURE-HUNT

Ex-Prisoner's Astounding Story

Mr. Lawrence Winning

WE received a visit the other day from an old man just released from prison.

He is Lawrence Victor Winning, formerly a jeweller, who was sentenced to a term of twelve months in the second division for defrauding a Russian woman, Madame Pauline de Chary, of a pearl necklace valued at £3,000.

Winning's story is an extraordinary one. In the summer of 1923, the year in which the fraud occurred, he was in close touch with Lord Haldon.

A romantic proposal

This peer outlined a fresh proposal, which was as attractive as it was romantic. It related to a "cache" of gems, valued at an enormous amount, in Bolshevik Russia.

The story, as Winning understood it, was that some time previously a Russian in possession of jewels valued approximately at £200,000 had been arrested, thrown into prison by the brutal agents of the Che-ka and shot.

The jewels had *not* been consigned to the treasury of the Soviet Government. They had been appropriated by a certain official of the prison, who had buried them in a quiet spot.

The official ultimately found it necessary to flee himself from the wrath of the Soviet and was now a refugee in Paris. As it would have meant certain death for him to return to Russia, he had decided to take into his confidence a confederate a captain in the British Army.

The perilous trip

The captain, having learned the secret of the hiding-place, had undertaken to make a perilous trip for the recovery of the treasure-trove, but, unfortunately, neither he nor the refugee had the wherewithal.

The captain had therefore approached Lord Haldon, who, as a peer of the realm, might be counted upon to raise funds easily.

Lord Haldon in turn approached Mr. Winning and suggested that he should finance the expedition. He wrote him in the following strain:

Now can you find a sportsman with £500 to finance the bribery-travelling expenses (per Aero), etc., which he will have to do? Of course, you will understand that it is a speculation, but I know my man, I know he has done it before and I am sure he can do it again. Remember too that, if caught, his life is forfeit, but he is game.

For God's sake keep this to yourself for a man's life is dependent on it not being known, and surely you can spare this out of the lot you have already made out of my tip.—Yours truly,

HALDON.

Pointed questions

Winning promised to do his best to raise sufficient money to enable the captain to scatter his bribes "per aero."

Before he parted with his money he obtained information on certain specific points. A kind of questionnaire was drawn up, the answers to be filled in by the captain:—

(1) The exact location of the jewels? (2) Will the person who buried them remove them? (3) His name? (4) How do you propose to share? (5) How many will travel, and who are they? (6) If recovered will they be deposited in a bank *here*? (7) Can we send an agent to accompany? (8) Will the expenses exceed £300?

On the back of this questionnaire was a letter written by Lord Haldon suggesting that he himself would travel with the captain.

He urged Winning to hasten with the finances, as a certain peer would be in London in a few days and would undoubtedly find £350.

Winning understood that the proceeds were to be shared by the four parties in the following proportions—£50,000 for Winning, £20,000 for Lord Haldon and £100,000 between the captain and the exiled official.

At Winning's trial it was stated that he had "pretended that he was going to Russia to bring back a large quantity of jewellery and that his commission would amount to £25,000."

Big Expectations

It seems pretty clear from the evidence in front of us that it was not altogether a question of "pretending" on Winning's part, but that the proposal had been made in terms we have already outlined.

The same evidence—namely, a number of letters from Lord Haldon—would appear to make it quite clear that Winning had expectations of netting the sum not of £25,000, but of £50,000 in easy money.

The expedition came to nought. Whether the gallant captain crashed into the arms of agents of the dread Che-ka or whether his bribes were insufficient to wean the Soviet officials from their allegiance to the ideals of Communism in crown jewels, we are not in a position to say, but it seems pretty certain that Mr. Winning never received that £50,000.

We are not surprised. Those who engage in such hazardous speculations as aeroplane treasure-hunts are not exactly in the best position to guarantee results!

Apartment Agency Mystery

A Widow's Painful Experience

A MONTH or two ago the following announcement came to the notice of a Buckinghamshire lady:—

Accommodation required—Furn. and Unfurn. Flats, Rooms, Apartments, Suites, Board-residence, Farmhouse, Surrey, London, Suburbs, Country and seaside. Call, write or 'phone, Alexander's Agency, Great Russell Street, London, W.C.1.

The lady in question was a widow, who was anxious to let part of her home, and she wrote to Alexander's Agency stating that she was prepared to take paying-guests.

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Alexander's Agency informed her that it would be pleased to be at her service.

She was requested to forward a postal order or cheque for 10s. 6d. "for booking and advertising purposes," which fee would cover the agency's services for a period of six months.

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The lady complied with this request. That was in May this year, but by the end of July she had received no communication from Alexander's Agency beyond a receipt for her money.

She wrote to ask what the position was, but her letters drew no reply.

She then approached the newspaper in whose columns the announcement had appeared. When this organ took the matter up Alexander's Agency assured its disappointed client that it was doing its very utmost to meet her requirements.

The letter closed with the request: "We would esteem it a favour if there is any further enquiry you wish to make, will you kindly make them to the above agency and oblige."

When a representative of JOHN BULL called at the address given by Alexander's Agency he was unable to find any official in evidence.

The proprietor, he learned, was a young man named J. A. Briggs, and the landlord declared that he expected he would "put in an appearance at some time or other."

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Such casual attention to one's business, coupled with the experience of the Buckinghamshire lady, recounted above, does not inspire confidence.

There are many agencies doing useful public service, but Alexander's Agency will have to change its methods if it is to claim a place amongst them.

Shearing the Lamb

The Limit in Impudence

AN ambitious gentleman who was attracted by an advertisement offering a postal course of tuition in poster lettering got into touch with Mr. F. Noel Shearing, of 8, Elliott Terrace, The Hoe, Plymouth.

"I thank you for your esteemed enquiry relative to my course of postal lettering," wrote Mr. Shearing, "which I issue, in conjunction with other essentials, to aspirants to Fame and Fortune in the Great World of Advertising."

After this flowery opening Mr. Shearing went on to speak of the huge sums to be earned by commercial artists and mentioned that high fees are usually charged for tuition.

But Mr. Shearing was not anxious to "freeze out" men with slender purses and had reduced his terms to the lowest possible figure.

A wonderful offer

For 5s. Mr. Shearing offered to furnish "a complete illustrated course" in a variety of subjects, such as "drawing from life, human frame and figure, figures quiescent and active, of well-known animals, domestic and wild, land and sea scapes, architecture and machinery."

The gentleman in question sent 5s. for the poster-lettering course and in a few days received a packet containing a copy-book and a few instructions on forming letters.

As the copy-book was one which he could have obtained at any stationer's for about 3d. he was naturally dissatisfied and wrote to Mr. Shearing for an explanation.

The latter's reply was to the effect that the application had merely asked for the lettering course, but that no mention had been made of the cash enclosed.

An insulting letter

"You may or may not have enclosed 5s.," wrote Mr. Shearing. "You do not state so, therefore you have not the slightest claim."

In a subsequent letter, however, Mr. Shearing admitted that he had now found the postal order, which he would have returned had it not been for his client's heated complaints.

"Why should you expect me to waste my time and spend postage on you in answering childish questions and then send your money back in full?" he asked.

At the close of his letter he relented, however, and observed, "If you write and *ask* for your P.O. at the end of this month I will return it." This is most extraordinary in view of the fact that the gentleman had already made several requests.

Meanwhile, we learn of another gentleman who forwarded 5s. to Mr. Shearing and who also received a copy-book, with instructions on forming letters.

He was advised not to waste valuable time in studying the latter, but to send a further 5s. for a magical device that would presumably eliminate the drudgery!

For sheer check Shearing scores.

WRONGFUL ARREST SCANDAL

THE POLICE IN A QUANDARY

A Word to the Home Secretary

THE[illegible]ndreds of legally [illegible] people who have been wrongfully arrested and who have suffered the ordeal of standing within the shadow of the prison-gates when they have been innocent of the charges brought against them.

That such a lamentable state of affairs exists is not readily apparent to the public, for, with a preference for more sensational news, the general Press seldom reports acquittals.

Yet, we repeat, the victims are many, and often they have been committed for trial to the sessions.

This means that during the period which elapsed before they were ultimately brought before a ju ge and jury they may have been detained in custody owing to the fact that they could not get bail.

During the past few months at the London Sessions a surprising number of cases have been stopped.

A week or two ago a charge was heard against a motor-driver named Frank William Cooper, who had been sent for trial from Clerkenwell Police Court for "wanton driving, and causing grievous bodily harm to a woman who was injured by his car."

An alarming record

After undergoing the mental anxiety of waiting for trial, Cooper was acquitted by Sir Robert Wallace, K.C., the jury having stopped the case.

Sir Robert must be growing tired of the endless stream of cases brought before him which the magistrates should have dealt with by discharging the prisoners.

During the September sessions he acquitted no fewer than five individual cases in one day because of the insufficiency of the evidence to support the charges upon which they were arraigned.

In one instance, a woman named Gunn, who was also committed from Clerkenwell, was charged with receiving a hat knowing it to be stolen property. Owing to the paucity of the evidence the jury stopped the case.

Sir Robert Wallace, K.C., remarked that he thoroughly agreed with the decision and the woman left the court without a stain upon her character.

A cruel wrong

On the same day, another case, also sent from Clerkenwell, came up before Sir Robert. A man named Horace Hales was charged with stealing a quantity of chocolate.

There was no proof and again the jury stopped the case.

With cases of this sort occurring with such frequency, there is obviously something wrong somewhere. Apart from the suffering imposed upon innocent people, there is the unnecessary expense, the burden of which has to be borne by the taxpayer.

A case of a somewhat different type was recently heard at Old Street Police Court, where a man named Frederick John Wickers was convicted of theft.

Wickers had always borne a high character and was absolutely innocent of the charge preferred against him. He appealed, and it was fortunate that he was able to do so.

A most extraordinary scene resulted at the London Sessions last month, when the police admitted that the whole thing was a mistake and that the poor fellow should never have been arrested at all!

Mistakes will always happen, of course, but when they happen with such frequency it is time for someone to make protest.

A heinous offence

The slipshod manner in which enquiries are often handled by the police goes to help these regrettable errors.

Very often men are arrested on the flimsiest evidence, as will be seen from the following cases at the South Western Police Court:

A man named Pooley was charged before Mr. Sandbach, K.C., a fortnight ago with being a "suspected person."

In other words he was "suspected" by the police who arrested him of loitering with intent to commit a felony.

The officer concerned in the arrest gave evidence to the effect that he had seen Pooley "looking into a garden." Then he had commenced to run away, and he took him in charge.

The man was able to explain that he was merely running to catch a 'bus, and the magistrate discharged

Sir Robert Wallace, K.C.

him, remarking that it was no offence to look in a garden.

On the same day another "suspected person," named Green, was put into the dock.

"I understand," observed Mr. Sandbach to the officer concerned, "that you suspected him after seeing him gaze at an off-licence place and lean against the gate?"

"Yes," was the astounding admission.

Mr. Sandbach observed that no offence had been committed, and Green was discharged.

We could go on reciting case after case of this kind, which we repeat are growing painfully frequent.

We think we have presented enough facts to show how easily innocent people may suffer at the hands of the law, and would suggest that the matter is one which merits the early attention of the Home Secretary.

Sunnyside Sharks

The Sleuths' University

FEW people are aware of the extent of the operations of Yankee fee-snatchers in this country. Members of the fraternity are constantly combing the British Isles for "greenhorns."

A little while back a Welsh reader received a lengthy communication from a person named T. G. Cooke, who signed himself as President of the University of Applied Science.

"Yours for a better job" was Mr. Cooke's slogan, and he addressed our reader as "Dear Friend." His letter was devoted to explaining how a better job might be obtained.

The only step necessary was for our reader to enrol as a student for the University's course in "finger-print work."

Burning midnight oil

The complete course, including a practical working outfit, could be obtained for $70, payable in fourteen monthly instalments of $5. The "regular price," Mr. Cooke declared, was $100.

It was an easy course and decidedly fascinating. As instances of its fascination, Mr. Cooke cited cases of students who read their lessons "way into the night," and one in particular who wrote to say that he hated to put the lessons aside "long enough to eat."

"If it were possible for you to call at our offices I would like to talk this matter over with you," declared the enthusiastic president.

An easy finger-print

But as there was small prospect of our Welsh reader journeying to Sunnyside Avenue, Chicago, Mr. Cooke requested him to consider the matter and to decide at once to "become a finger-print expert."

As an extra inducement a postcript was added to the effect that early enrolment would entitle the applicant to "new complete courses in Secret Service and Bertillon work absolutely free."

There may be many ambitious lads in this country who are fired with the desire to become great crime detectors, and it is amongst this class that the "University of Applied Science" will doubtless find a ready response.

We would assure them that the finger-print of the fee-snatcher is plainly discernible on the letters from which we have quoted.

Fate's Knock-out Blow

A Tailor's Trials

MR. EDWARD HORRY, a tailor, of Palmer Street, Doncaster, is struggling against overwhelming odds to provide for his invalid wife and children.

After nearly twenty-five years of devoted married life, this unhappy couple have lost their home, and their plight should command the sympathies of all.

Mr. Horry, who is nearly fifty years of age, has been a victim of circumstance. A few years ago his tailor's business was a promising little concern, and Horry was working hopefully, never dreaming that misfortune was soon to overtake him.

His private life had already been marred by much sadness, for his wife had been an invalid for nearly fifteen years, but circumstances now combined against him to bring his growing little business to a disastrous end.

The last straw

Two of his children were taken ill with smallpox and for many months afterwards a large number of his customers would not come near his premises. Some of them, in fact, never came to him again.

The expenses of his children's illnesses, and the fact that his wife was forced to undergo a serious operation, hit this small trader very severely, and the losses due to the falling-off of custom referred to added considerably to his b rden.

Then bad debts began to accumulate and during a bad period of trade he was hampered through lack of capital.

Finally the general strike added a crushing blow and he was forced to go bankrupt.

No chance giv n

Then came the cruellest stroke of misfortune it is possible to imagine. His effects were seized, and as his sewing-machines were amongst them the one means of earning a livelihood was snatched from him.

The Official Receiver was fully aware of the circumstances which had contributed towards this unfortunate man's failure, and commented particularly upon the loss of trade through his children's illnesses.

It seems hard, therefore, that Horry was not permitted to retain at least one sewing-machine to enable him to make some endeavour to carry on his trade.

A 20 YEARS TRAGEDY

LOST LAD'S PATHETIC APPEAL

A Case for Reconsideration

MOTHER and son parted for twenty years! Could anything be more tragic? What can be said, then, of a system which seeks to make the separation even longer still?

A YOUNG man who has fully demonstrated his initiative and capacity, prevented from earning his living and from returning to comfort his mother from whom he has been separated twenty years, is the latest Board of Control tragedy.

Anyone who saw Gordon Leonard Bint hard at work on an Edgworth (Lancashire) farm during the hay harvest this year would never have suspected the tragic influences which have darkened his youth or the further calamity which has since befallen him in early manhood.

Gordon Leonard Bint was born in 1905, but within a few months of his birth Fate decreed that he must grow up in the care of an aged grandparent, and he was parted from his mother.

On the death of his grandmother, the possibility of his migration to Canada was considered, but, still a young boy, he was put into an orphanage instead, and for nearly twenty years he thought he was motherless.

A touching letter

But that mother-love which was denied him in early childhood is still waiting, and, through aunts and uncles who knew the facts, Gordon got into communication with his mother.

"I'm so glad I have found you after all these years," he wrote from Calderstones Institution. "I understand I left you when I was nine months old, as there was no one to look after me. I thought you were dead. Write to the Board of Control and ask them to give me a holiday. I've been in these places long enough and want to get into the world and shift for myself."

That touching message to his mother did not go unheeded. She called at the offices of the Board of Control on October 20 last year, and was questioned as to the facilities she had for accommodating her son in case they released him.

Her application for the release of her son was refused, but the Board said it would reconsider the matter when Mrs. Little got better accommodation.

Evidently there was not much wrong with her son, but the Board of Control thought Gordon would be better off in Calderstones Institution, Lancashire, than in the modest home, of the woman who bore him.

A day of joy

Mrs. Little next sought the aid of her M.P., Mr. Frank Briant, J.P., who advised her to get a bed out to overcome any objections which the authorities raised.

Again she went to the Board of Control, and eventually succeeded in getting her son home on leave of absence for three months from April 12.

That was a great day for Gordon and his mother, but he was denied the third month of the leave which had been granted him.

With an excellent character as a steady, hardworking young man, Gordon tried hard to get a job during the first few weeks of his holiday, but he was unsuccessful.

The mother's fears

Having just come of age, he was due to be examined by the "visiting justices," and as he was on leave, the examination was arranged at the L.C.C. County Hall on May 28.

When the letter came requesting her son's attendance there, Mrs. Little feared the worst—namely, that her son would again be taken from her.

Gordon Leonard Bint when he was placed in the orphanage.

Early in June the blow fell, and an attendant was sent from Calderstones to fetch Gordon, accompanied by a policeman.

Thus again the curtain of sadness was drawn between the mother and son who had been reunited after twenty years apart. Thus, too, was the young man deprived of that last month's leave during which he would have had a chance to look for work and confirm his right to freedom.

"Why am I brought back here?" came his touching appeal to his mother from Calderstones. "I didn't get into bad company, I kept straight, and I swear I did nothing wrong."

"My heart is broken, I cannot live through sorrow for my boy," sobbed poor Mrs. Little when telling her story to JOHN BULL.

In July, Gordon proved his mettle by getting a job after escaping from Calderstones.

Hauled back again

Gordon's job as a farm labourer was simply temporary. He was engaged as an extra assistant during the hay harvest, and right well he worked.

Failing to find another job in the district, he set out to make his way to London and home. At Crewe his savings were gone, and he appealed to the station officials for assistance.

Unfortunately the police came on the scene and hauled him back from Crewe to Calderstones, where he has been ever since.

Gordon Leonard Bint has done nothing that one would not expect of a plucky young man anxious to make his way in the world, and we see no grounds for the Board of Control refusing to allow him the freedom to work out for himself the career for which a farmer has testified him as fitted.

A ROOKERY NOOK

FIDUCIARIES FIDDLE-DE-DEE

Hill's Uncanny Skill

HOW much longer will the authorities remain passive while the public are fleeced by pretentious schemes? People invest their money and, too late, find they have been grossly misled by plausible tales

WE have lately received a number of enquiries regarding a concern which boasts the remarkable title of British Fiduciaries, Ltd.

Since there are unsophisticated readers who may not know what a "fiduciary" is, we hasten to state that "Chambers's Dictionary" gives the meaning as "one who holds anything in trust" or (theologically) "one who depends for salvation on faith without works."

Since the concern is obviously not a new religious movement we must apply the first of the two definitions to the new and strangely named concern.

British Fiduciaries, Ltd., was formed in March of this year, and its nominal capital was £100.

So far as the available returns at Somerset House reveal, it actually possesses £2 of paid-up capital.

£100 is not a great sum with which to launch any business project, but when we read of the aims and objects of British Fiduciaries, Ltd., it becomes farcical.

According to its prospectus, it was formed "to act principally as an issuing house for the sale of shares, stocks, debentures and securities of every kind and description, and to form, establish, register and promote limited liability companies, and to act as financiers, financial agents, underwriters, etc."

Significant omissions

Apart from financial matters there is, in fact, no directors' return on the file, and no return showing its present registered office. In view of this, we have reported the deficiency to the Assistant-Registrar, who is taking the matter up with the firm.

British Fiduciaries, Ltd., has recently advertised for agents. Applicants have received a letter stating that the firm's activities are largely devoted to the reconstruction of established businesses, and in this connection it is frequently necessary to interview clients in person.

Positions as travelling representatives are therefore offered in return for a cash deposit of £50, which is returnable on severance of connection with the company.

Now one of the leading lights in the concern is a gentleman who passes under the hyphenated name of G. Exten-Hills.

An experienced pusher

This gentleman has been much in evidence at the company's offices in Shaftesbury Avenue, where he has been interviewing the various applicants who have responded to the advertisement mentioned.

One of our readers was told by Mr. Exten-Hills that he had just the personality required for the job, which was concerned with the sale of shares in the National Wireless Corporation, Ltd., a concern housed in the same office as British Fiduciaries, Ltd. According to reliable financial information the shares of the National Wireless Corporation, Ltd., are of very dubious value, yet canvossers were required to call upon holders of sound wireless shares and endeavour to effect an exchange.

Now G. Exten-Hills, who is described on some of the company's notepaper as "chairman," has had a lot of experience in the art of negotiating dubious shares. He is better known, perhaps, as plain George Hills.

His greatest and most impudent venture was the Oil Lease Investment Company, in which he and others employed a small army of jazz salesmen to travel round and reload people with shares in speculative propositions in which they had already lost money.

An inconvenient interruption

Hills owes his uncanny skill in these matters to the fact that he served an apprenticeship in America, and he knows all there is to know about share-pushing by Yankee methods as he himself was a "dynamiter" out there.

But last year his activities were interrupted by the police. He and another man were arrested for obtaining money by false pretences.

In the name of Mathieson they had sent out circulars to shareholders of a company whose name they had no right to use, and which purported to come from the city office of the concern in question.

The case came before Sir Henry Dickens at the Old Bailey, who stated that the other man was only the dupe who had been working under the direction of Hills. He therefore bound the other man over and sent Hills to jail for twelve months.

Since he emerged from prison Hills has been working as a jazz salesman on behalf of at least one notorious City firm of share-pushers.

Still no redress

To this day, the countless victims who lost their money through the Oil Lease Investment Company have been unsuccessful in their endeavours to obtain satisfaction.

We have constantly urged the Board of Trade to take some action in this matter, but so far nothing has transpired.

With regard to Hills' connection with British Fiduciaries, Ltd., it is grossly unfair that people who answer its advertisements, and who are called upon to deposit sums of £50, should be unable to find particulars which the law demands should be available on the files at Somerset House.

As we have already mentioned, the only information officially available at the moment is that this ambitious concern possesses the staggering capital of £2!

ARISTOCRAT'S STRANGE VENTURE

RIDDLE OF THE SANDS

A Money-spinning Secret

THE way of the fortune-seeker is easy! At least, so one would imagine from the number of obliging people who are ever ready to come forward and let perfect strangers into money-spinning secrets.

We have recently been consulted by a gentleman who has been pondering over a somewhat curious offer which he received a week o two ago from Guernsey as the result of answering a partnership advertisement in one of the London d ily papers.

The offer emanated from a person who signed himself E. Lyon, and who came straight to the point without bothering about such trifles as references or credentials.

The valuable secret

Without hesitation, he disclosed his valuable secret to a perfect stranger, extended a cordial invitation for the latter to come and see him at any time at his "very nice house," and closed by saying that he awaited "the favour" of a reply.

If we are to accept all the statements in Mr. Lyon's offer it would seem that all the favour is with the stranger whom he has made his confidant.

"I have two sand yachts," he announced, "which I am working at Jersey, where there is a three-mile stretch of sand eminently suitable, as it adjoins the chief town of St. Helier.

"I have also a boat and two partly finished sand yachts. I want to complete these two, one as a sand yacht and one as a wind wagon with engine and propeller for use when there is no wind.

"I also wish to build two further boats (cost £5). There would then be seven machines which, in the season, would bring in £50 to £60 per week."

This, then, was the money-spinning secret, and it was to complete his fleet of money-spinners that Mr. Lyon required a partner with a "little capital."

"The sand yachts can be run all the year round," the letter continued, "and sand yachting is a most exciting and invigorating pastime. I run trips and hire them out."

But this did not exhaust Mr. Lyon's bag of secrets. "I have one or two further novelties in view as well," he hinted, but refrained from stating what they might be.

The would-be investor did not pack a suit-case and rush off to spend a week-end in Guernsey at Mr. Lyon's "very nice house."

He decided first of all to make a few enquiries about the prospects of sand-yachting in Jersey.

Not quite good enou h

The people whom he approached had not heard of any extensive sand-yachting there, and were inclined to look upon it as a "rash speculation."

After due deliberation, he formed the opinion that the proposition was just a little bit too nebulous. Much as he admired Mr. Lyon's optimism he felt that he would rather sink his capital in something a little steadier than sand yachts.

We are able to tell him that his decision is not unwise. For investigation shows that Mr. E. Lyon is an abbreviated title for Mr. H. E. Bowes-Lyon, cousin of the Duchess of York and a nephew of Lord Strathmore.

We regret that it has been our painful duty to refer to this gentleman's activities on a previous occasion when he was advertising for a partner with some money to invest.

Turnin g a ceaf ea

At that time we deplored the fact that he should bring dishonour upon a noble name, and advised him to abandon the policy of financing highly speculative propositions with other people's money.

From the facts which we have given above, it would seem that our earnest words of advice have fallen upon deaf ears.

It is a far cry from sand yachts to patent bricks, but the methods remain the same.

For, when H. E. Bowes-Lyon last came under our notice he was endeavouring to obtain capital from strangers to finance a company called the "W.H.B. Syndicate," which was to exploit an "improved brick."

Mr. Bowes-Lyon suggested to a stranger that he should put £250 into his company, in return for which he would be given shares. In addition to these shares the investor was also to be given a suitable berth with the company, with a possible 100 per cent. bonus or 100 per cent. profit on his money.

Mr. H. E. Bowes-Lyon

Mr. Bowes-Lyon was just as confident over his brick proposition as he now is over his sand yachts and wind wagons. "I can assure you that there is absolutely no risk of failure," he wrote.

Impressed by these assurances the trusti g investor paid over his £250, but he did not get his shares; he did not get his job, and he did not get his bonus.

As a matter of fact he got nothing at all! Even when he obtained judgment against H. E. Bowes-Lyon and put bailiffs in he found that another creditor had a prior claim

It is because of these facts that we applaud our reader's decision to let the sand-yacht proposition drop like an improved hot brick!

SHAMEFUL SCHOOL SCANDAL

A POSER FOR PERCY

This is a case where Lord Eustace Percy, Education Minister, would for once be right in ex r-cising his genius for cheeseparing

A SITUATION has arisen in East Ham educational affairs which clamours for enquiry. The borough, like many another, suffers from a lack of secondary-school accommodation.

In the interest of children whose intelligence justifies higher education, the council has arranged for sixty free places annually to be won by competitive examination.

Again, when the one secondary school in East Ham is full, many children are forced to attend elsewhere. In many of these outside schools the fees exceed those of East Ham, which are £6 15s. per annum.

Remedying a hardship

To make it possible for children to receive higher education, in spite of the higher fees, the Education Committee arranged to defray the balance over £6 15s. in a certain number of cases.

Some parents, on the other hand, send their children to secondary schools of their own choice, paying the fees themselves. These are the people over whom the trouble has arisen.

The general increase of school fees of recent date has been considered a hardship upon these people and the council has obtained permission from the Board of Education to pay the excess over £6 15s. "if the committee be satisfied that financial help is necessary."

A strange interpret·tion

It is a very laudable scheme, but of course the cost will fall on the ratepayers.

The list of "necessitous" applicants submitted some weeks ago cannot be read without an amazement that gives place to amusement.

We suspect that there will be a difference of opinion in East Ham as to the council's interpretation of the word "necessitous."

If a man earns over £500 a year is he as needy as a widow earning £1 8s. a week?

Apparently he is in East Ham, because there the list of those who seek the subsidy includes Alderman Davie, J.P., vice-chairman of the Education Committee; Mr. E. W. Joslin, the deputy town clerk; Mr. A. A. Garrard, assistant secretary to the Education Committee; Mr. S. A. Batchelor, Chief Clerk for Higher Education; Mr. E. Sharp, rate collector, and Mr. A. J. Burn, a secondary school teacher.

With the exception of one of these, each is receiving approximately £500 a year or more!

Their claims for assistance, however, seem to lose much of their appeal when contrasted with those of two widows, earning £1 18s. and £2 10s. a week respectively, and a casual ship's clerk whose weekly income reaches the dizzy height of £2 10s.

As has been noticed, these people had themselves, in the first place, decided to which school their children would go. The fee they had to pay at these schools seems to us an extremely significant point.

The usual victims

Before the present juncture Alderman Davie had been paying £15 a year for the education of each of his children and the deputy town clerk £31 10s.

When the new scheme comes into operation the council will pay £49 10s. per annum for the education of the deputy town clerk's two children. They will also pay £27 18s. for the child of the teacher who paid £34 13s. previously.

This money will be drawn from the ratepayers and laid at the feet of the rate-collector, who himself will benefit under the scheme by £8 5s. a year.

Yet the essential qualification for the right to receive the subsidy is necessity!

A member's protest

We note that one member of the Education Committee, Dr. J. W. Grice, has resigned as a protest.

"The whole thing should be reconsidered," he states. "It is not fair to the community. The board are crying out for expenditure to come down. If it must be increased it should not be in such a fashion."

We most earnestly desire the Board of Education to survey the proposed administration of the East Ham Council's scheme and feel confident that it will refuse to allow it to come to fruition.

At the least, it would create a most dangerous precedent if suffered to proceed on these lines.

A BROKEN CIRCLE

THE WAITING-ROOM BEDROOM

Guardians' Unreasonable Conduct

FROM Exeter, in the glorious county of Devon, comes a pitiful story of a struggling family, whose plight should engage the sympathies of all.

The unhappy little circle consists of John Tucker, a porter, and his wife, together with their three children, William, Mary and Jane, the eldest of whom is only eleven.

They have long been under a cloud of trouble, arising out of the prolonged illness of Mr. Tucker, who had been confined to hospital. With the bread-winner thus incapacitated it is easy to imagine how the resources of the little family must have been strained.

Yet they managed to keep going somehow until a most unhappy calamity overtook them.

In their hard-pressed condition arrears of rent began to mount up, and when they were unable to meet these they were turned out into the street, and the little home which they had struggled so hard to keep together was broken up.

Poor, but proud

For a time kindly friends offered them shelter, but they were naturally reluctant to encroach too far upon the generosity of others and preferred to battle on and fend for themselves.

Sometimes they slept out in the open, but recently they managed to secure accommodation in a common lodging-house, where they had to pay 21s. for a room.

After about three weeks under this costly roof they were forced to leave because the little ones cried in the night.

Loth to enter the workhouse while strength and the hope of employment remained, the unfortunate family wandered about in search of shelter.

They could find nowhere to go, and at last, weary and footsore, and drenched with the rain, they crept into the Queen's Street Station and sought the cold hospitality of the waiting-room.

So exhausted were they that they sank down just as they were upon the benches and were soon enjoying the merciful relief of slumber. But a rude awakening came when an inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. arrived upon the scene.

A painful sequel

And a painful sequel followed when Mr. and Mrs. Tucker found themselves in the dock at Exeter Police Court, charged with exposing their children in a manner likely to cause them unnecessary suffering and injury.

We are pleased to be able to record that the mayor, Mr. W. Brock, viewed the case with humane sympathy and understanding.

He remarked that the Bench knew all about the circumstances of the case, and how Tucker's long spell in hospital had drained his resources. He also remarked that it seemed very hard that the family had been turned out of their home when they were known to be good tenants prior to their misfortune.

He suggested that it would help to solve the present difficulty if Mrs. Tucker and the children were granted temporary shelter in the workhouse until Mr. Tucker could find a place.

It was objected that the guardians would not make an order to that effect. One of the members of the Bench then observed that if Tucker had been granted a few shillings per week as out-relief at the time of his difficulties the family might have been able to keep its home together.

The harsh guardians

The mayor voiced the opinion of the Bench by saying that they thought very strongly of the case and considered that the guardians had taken an unreasonable view.

After a private consultation with the relieving officer the Bench decided to adjourn the case for a fortnight. In the meantime the children are to be taken to a place of safety whilst Mrs. Tucker is to go to the Poor-Law institution.

When Mr. Tucker has obtained work and started the home again he is to receive the assistance of the court missionary in arranging for his family to rejoin him.

Whilst the magistrates have acted with sympathy, we cannot applaud the attitude of the guardians, and we endorse the mayor's opinion that they have acted unreasonably.

SHIPS OF SHAME

THE NEW DOPE PUSH

A Sinister Cargo

THE Home Secretary recently made new regulations amending the Dangerous Drugs Act of 1921, so that it is now an offence for a person to attempt to obtain drugs from a doctor without disclosing the fact that supplies have already been obtained from another.

This is all very well in its way, but offenders who seek to obtain drugs by imposing upon medical men are few and far between in comparison with the real scoundrels, whose operations are far more deadly.

A powerful organisation is at work to-day, with headquarters in Paris and branches throughout the world. Its members are criminals of many nationalities.

Huge quantities of dope are brought to Europe every month by agents of this gang, who work on ships arriving from Eastern ports.

Some idea of the extent of their activities may be gathered from the authentic facts of two recent police discoveries.

Valuable cargo

At Singapore, a few weeks ago, revenue officers boarded a vessel which was bound for Europe. Concealed in the engine-room was a consignment of drugs containing 7,000 packets, valued at £15,000!

No one knew how it had got there, and although the gigantic consignment was confiscated, no arrests have followed.

A few days later, at the same port, another ship was searched. Concealed in its coal-bunkers were 766 lb. of raw opium, the value of which, to the drug-traffickers to whom it was consigned, was £16,000!

Hamburg is the central clearing station on this side. Dope is smuggled ashore by foreign seamen and also by dishonest ship's officials who have the confidence of the customs authorities.

Astounding discoveries

Huge consignments of opium and cocaine are constantly being seized at Hamburg, but it is safe to say that for every successful coup on the part of the authorities the drug-traffickers pull off a dozen or more.

Lately astonishing discoveries have also been made at the French and English ports. At Havre last week, for instance, a man named Dacuha was found attempting to board a ship in company with a woman.

On being searched the latter was found to be in possession of £350 worth of cocaine, which had been obtained from Hamburg.

At the London docks, too, a Chinese seaman had smuggled in 400 lb. of opium, whilst cases are always cropping up where foreigners attempt to land with smaller quantities.

What happens to the drugs which are successfully smuggled into this country? They are passed, through the hands of distributing agents, into the hands of pedlars, who dispose of them to neurotic clients.

A C.I.D. officer was recently passing along Denmark Street, Charing Cross Road, when he saw a woman pass something to a man and receive a small parcel in exchange.

A big haul

The officer apprehended the woman and found that the packet contained pure cocaine. The man was moving off, but he was subsequently arrested at his flat in Edgware Road.

When the flat was searched a huge quantity of drugs was discovered. There were several bottles containing cocaine, a number of boxes of prepared opium for smoking and a dozen or more tubes containing morphine.

There are many women employed in the West End of London to "pass off" the dope, and they frequent a number of notorious resorts.

A very sinister agent of the gang, however, is a coloured man who resides at Euston, and who has no fewer than five women dope-carriers working for him.

We shall be glad to supply the authorities with fuller details of this person's activities if they feel disposed to make further enquiry into the matter.

Meanwhile, we would advise the Home Office to keep its eyes on Hamburg and also on vessels coming therefrom.

Humour of a Kind

"INSURANCE MAIL" AS HUMORIST

But We Cannot Laugh

WE frequently have occasion to poke fun at some of our adversaries, and when they choose to retaliate they may be assured that we shall take it in good part.

Under the heading of "Another case for JOHN BULL," the *Insurance Mail* prints the following letter:

DEAR SIR,—My grandfather had a stroke ten years ago, so I insured him. He is eighty years old to-day, and well and hearty, and my husband is out of work. I have paid into the insurance office more than I will draw out, and I have three children.

Please make the insurance company give me my money back, as it was all a mistake, as I would not have insured my grandfather if I had known. These insurance companies are always trying to defraud poor people who do not know any better.—Yours truly, MRS. BROWN.

Somehow or other we do not feel in the mood for hearty laughter over the humour of the *Insurance Mail*. Doubtless there are a few cases where "bad risks" such as the aged and infirm are undertaken by the industrial assurance companies.

Tricking an old lady

But against this we have the millions of policies taken out on healthy people for which no return is made for the premiums invested.

With the same post as that which brought us the cutting from the *Insurance Mail* came a report of six cases down for hearing at the Hull Insurance Court, a few days before.

The first was that of an old lady, seventy-four years of age, who had been deliberately tricked into paying 1s. per week on the life of her son from 1908 to 1924. Her total premiums amounted to £23 and this money she had attempted to recover from the company without success.

When we smile

Only when the case was brought to court by the Policy-Holders' Protection Association did the old lady receive justice. A few days before the case was due to be heard the company returned every penny paid.

Another case concerns an old man, who had been offered £1 10s. in full settlement for a claim on a death policy for £11 15s. Again there was a point-blank refusal to pay, until the case came before the court. Only then did the company pay what they were legally bound to have paid two years previously.

These are only two out of a myriad of cases of proven trickery and fraud on the part of the industrial assurance companies. And out of them all, not one appears ever to reach the offices of the *Insurance Mail!*

The "joke," we suggest, is entirely on our side.

THE biggest mystery of the coal stoppage is the contentment of the coal merchants. Their business stands still, but they do not grumble. Our contributor throws a little light on the subject

Tons of Money!

by The Rt. Hon. CHRISTOPHER ADDISON *(formerly Minister of Munitions, etc.)*

DO not let anyone think that this article is written with any bias whatever against coal merchants. It is not. Whatever the system, so long as the Englishman burns coal, whether smokeless or not, and loves his fireside, somebody will be ready to obtain his coal for him and deliver it to his house.

Whoever does so is entitled to be properly paid for his services.

But when we have granted this—and even made generous allowance for it—we are still left wondering why it is that a ton of coal that is sold at the pit-top for 15s. or 18s. cost us even before the strike 45s. or 50s. or more.

How is it that it costs more than twice as much to get a ton of coal to our door than it does to dig it at the end of some long tunnel far underground, bring it on the trolley and up the shaft, screen it and the rest, pay the miner and its share of the cost of machinery, rent, rates and taxes, royalty and colliery-owners' profits and other trimmings?

There seems to be a strange disproportion between the two sets of services.

The sure thing

If we could abate this vast difference between pit-top and householder's price, we might get our coal for less and still leave an extra shilling or two at the other end for miners' wages and so avoid some of these miserable strikes and lock-outs.

We may be sure that whatever be the terms of the coal settlement, the difference in wages paid to the miner will not be 1s. a ton more or less.

On October 29, 1925, Sir Richard Redmayne told the Coal Commission that "The coal for which I pay 47s. per ton I am convinced could be bought at the pithead for 15s. or probably less."

Redmayne has a life-long experience of the trade as well as a reputation for accuracy of statement, and his figures have not been successfully challenged; but in any case the undisputed figures supplied in the Commissioners' Report are quite enough.

A friend of mine, whose name is a household word, is wont to mutter to himself when confronted by some quaint disproportion in popular temper, "It's a funny world!"

Well, so it is when we regard the adjectives that are thrown at the miners or the mine-owners by some people whilst the sum total of what they unitedly take for a ton of coal is less than half of what is being paid for it.

Such people get angry about the "mote" in the miner's eye, whilst they carry on with their own "beam" save for an occasional grumble when the coal bill comes in.

A baffling quest

Let us be more moderate than Redmayne, and take the difference between pithead and household price at 30s. per ton.

Within this figure there are two obvious and unavoidable services to be paid for—transport from the pit to, say, the London depôt, and cartage therefrom to the householder's door, including the services of those who arrange these transactions.

The case, however, is so much more complex than that, and Redmayne exclaimed before the Commission: "If you tried to follow a sack of Derby brights to London you would be a shattered wreck."

However, we must run some risk of shattering. The cost of railway transport from the Midlands to London adds, we are told, between 40 and 50 per cent. to the pithead value—or, say (to be generous), 10s. per ton—although, as we shall see, this cost might be greatly reduced.

A striking comparison

The Coal Commission found that the costs of cartage from the London depôt, as supplied by typical merchants, were 5s. 7½d. per ton. Taking these figures as they stand, we are left with an increase of cost to account for of nearly 15s.

In other words, the cost of services which neither move the coal nor handle it are nearly as great as those involved in all the colliery operations!

As a matter of fact, it was the contemplation of the numbers of those who had a hand in those paper transactions that caused Redmayne to talk of the possibility of becoming "a shattered wreck."

Beside factors, agents, brokers, selling agencies and others, there are, it appears, some 27,000 coal merchants, each with separate staffs and offices.

The Commission found that the establishment charges of this great array of merchants added 3s. 6½d. to the cost of each ton of coal.

That figure represents about 8 per cent. of the usual selling-price, and the extraordinary size of it prompted me to look up the similar charges of the Ministry of Food, which also dealt with retail business.

I find that the Controller and Auditor-General, in his Trading Accounts and Balance-sheet for 1920–21, stated that the administrative costs of the Ministry of Food—including the extra cost of the Food Committees and rationing that were called for by the scarcity—were less than half of 1 per cent.

Where's the leakage?

Seeing that the Food Ministry did all its work for about one-sixteenth of the cost of the final stage only of the distribution of coal, it would appear that "red-tape" was not so very costly after all.

It also had to obtain its supplies from the ends of the earth instead of from, say, 200 miles away in this little island.

The modest profit of 6½d. per ton as claimed by the retail merchant does not help us much in accounting for the increase of price still existing, even when the full amount of establishment charges is allowed for.

The wholesaler or factor is equally reasonable: his profit is returned as 6d. per ton and his expenses as 7½d.

The long and short of it is that on every ton of coal the Londoner, for instance, buys from 8s. to 10s. is added somewhere between the pithead and his door, even when all necessary and obvious claims are admitted without question.

The Coal Commission recommended that municipalities should be authorised to buy in bulk and arrange for distribution to the citizens either through existing agencies or otherwise, and they were encouraged to do so by the evidence of what is done through co-operative agencies.

In this connection I have been supplied with some interesting figures.

The Rt. Hon. Christopher Addison

The Great Western Railway, in common with other companies, arranges for the co-operative supply of coal to its employees in the larger centres, and charges the service with the cost of purchase, transport, distribution, etc.

Out-of-date methods

The result is that railway men get their coal from 8s. to 10s. per ton cheaper than their neighbours. In April last the relative charges in Swindon were 32s. 1d., as against 40s. and upwards, and in Newton Abbot 36s. against 45s. or more.

The difference, however, is not simply in saving merchanting costs; it includes a great economy in transport, and that economy should be shared by all, and could be.

Carried in standard trucks that can be used anywhere, the cost for transport and truck hire was 6s. per ton as against 12s. for merchants' trucks. Why?

The reason, shortly, is this: More than two-thirds of the coal carried on the railways is carried in some 520,000 trucks belonging to about 10,000 different private owners.

These trucks are of all sorts and sizes, with no fewer than fifty-seven types in use, and half their journey must be taken empty.

They must be returned to their base, and all the shunting and moving, with the extra trouble their variety entails, must be charged on the coals that did the single journey.

Who is to blame

The extra shunting time alone involves the loss of 1,200,000 engine hours each year. When we pooled trucks during the war the saving, notwithstanding their variety, was reported to be £3,250,000.

Compulsory pooling of trucks and progressive standardisation alone might save the coal-buyer 5s. a ton if only we could make arrangements for passing on the saving.

But—"there's the rub!" Are we willing to make the arrangements? It can be done if the people demand it. We have done much bigger things. It is no use blaming coal merchants. The fault lies with ourselves.

Under a properly organised system there is no doubt that the average householder might get his coal at least 10s. a ton less than he now pays for it, and yet leave an ample margin for generous payment both to miners and everybody else who render essential service.

Candid Communications

Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities

To the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of London, Fulham Palace, S.W.

MY LORD BISHOP,—You have formed the opinion that we, in this country, have the wrong idea in industry all the time. You believe that high wages, more than an index of prosperity, are an actual economic stimulant. Where men are well paid they work hard and there is plenty of work for all. Where employers and employed view each other with suspicion, all are impoverished. If you can do anything to help break down suspicion in this country and stop petty bickering, you will serve your generation better than by preaching many sermons. JOHN BULL.

To Sir SAMUEL INSTONE, Chairman, Messrs. Instone and Co., Cardiff.

DEAR SIR,—Mineowners appear to be patting each other on the back because, to quote your own words, "they are able to render a big service to the country on very profitable lines." In other words, the imported coal, which is keeping the country's industries going, is yielding quite a tidy profit. To my mind, the only service worth mentioning that the mineowners can render the country at this or any other moment is to settle the coal trouble in this country as speedily as possible and on the lines of the Samuel Report. That seems to be one little bit of service you have overlooked. JOHN BULL.

To Sir JAMES MARTIN, M.B.E., President, London Chamber of Commerce.

DEAR SIR,—I am interested in your view that the many social measures which have been passed in recent years by Parliament are a direct hindrance to trade. You appear to blame our trade depression on to these "burdens and restrictions." My own opinion is that British manufacturers have lagged behind in adapting their machinery and output to the changing times and are getting left behind in international competition. If they got a move on, and manufactured goods that the world is needing, wages would rise and trade would boom. Prosperous workers make their own welfare and that I agree is better than being everlastingly "looked after" by the State.

JOHN BULL.

To Miss MAUDE ROYDEN, Fellowship Guild, Eccleston Square.

DEAR MISS ROYDEN,—It would be a thousand pities were the work at your Guildhouse to be brought to an end by the expiration of the lease. Hence I am glad that, recognising the magnificent work you are doing, the Duke of Westminster is endeavouring to meet you in every way. I trust that the effort to raise £2,000 for immediate expenses in commemoration of your birthday next month will be successful. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. JOSEPH WELLS, M.A., Warden of Wadham College, Oxford.

DEAR SIR,—Your idea that the time has come to limit by statute the number of women studying at Oxford amuses me. To "stabilise" the ratio of men to women students at four to one is a proposal worthy of a Gilbert and Sullivan opera. You should take up your grievance with the Almighty. Evidently it was His mistake that when He created men and women in His own image He gave brains to each. JOHN BULL.

To Col. Sir WILLIAM W. HOY, K.C.B., General Manager, South African Railways.

DEAR SIR,—Your vision of cheap electricity throughout the Empire should stir the flagging energies of our politicians. In South Africa, by using "waste" coal at 1s. 9d. a ton, power stations can supply mines with electricity at three-farthings a unit. In all sections of railway above ground where traffic is dense you pave the way for electrification. Your farsightedness makes my mouth water. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. JOHN L. DUBE, Principal, Ohlange Institute, Natal.

DEAR SIR,—As the first president of the African National Congress, and grandson of a famous Zulu chief, your words on the inter-marriage of white with black are worthy of deep attention. You take a strong exception to any such intermarriage. You want your race to be as pure as the white man wants his. I approve your aims and they shall have my support. JOHN BULL.

A BLAST OF COMMON-SENSE

To Miss K. SPALDING, Golders Green.

DEAR MADAM,—Known as the "Lady of Labrador," you have worked for ten years in the wilds of Labrador in the interests of medical missions and without hope of fee or reward. You give your whole life to the most arduous work under conditions of iron severity and yet thoroughly enjoy every moment. It is a shining example of the truth that only in days of hard work and helpfulness is there any real happiness, a truth that this pleasure-seeking age is in danger of losing.

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. GEORGE MAIN, South Shields.

DEAR SIR,—When you heard that a little child had fallen into a deep sewer you had yourself lowered, head downwards, into the horrible place, and succeeded in bringing the little chap unconscious to the surface. Then, and not until then, did you discover it was your own child you had rescued. The bond between you will be all the closer for this touching incident, but I like to think you tried your best for "anybody's bairn."

JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. T. H. JARMAN, Christ Church Vicarage, Bermondsey.

DEAR SIR,—You have spent many nights among the outcasts of the Thames Embankment and are convinced that the coming winter will be a terrible one for the down-and-outs. You wish every place of worship in the metropolis to establish a brotherhood where these wretched folk may join in worship and Christian fellowship. It is a tall order, but if your appeal meets with even a partial response it will enable many who are now indifferent to realise how chaotic is our present social system, and perhaps stir them to help to set things right.

JOHN BULL.

To Signaller FORSTER, Cheltenham, and Able-Seaman FRACKER, Yeovil.

DEAR SIRS,—In pitch darkness, in a raging sea, among jagged rocks, you performed a splendid feat which saved the lives of thirteen of your shipmates. When the *Levanter* broke near Peterhead, volunteers were called for to propel an improvised raft ashore so that a lifeline could be fixed up between the wreck and the land. It was a terrible task, but with a plunge you were in the breakers, pushing the raft before you, as you swam, and steering it round the jagged rocks. By a miracle you managed the job, though you both were exhausted. You are heroes both.

JOHN BULL.

Straight from the Shoulder

MR. BALDWIN:—"We should be sterner critics of the houses we are to own than of the houses we are merely to occupy."

And we should be ashamed of the lack of houses for the poor either to own or occupy.

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MR. A. J. COOK:—"We knew, when we entered upon the struggle, that our only weapon was the economic weapon."

Whereas you have probably now realised that the weapon of humanity and co-operation is the only one to settle all industrial struggles.

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SIR ROBERT HORNE:—"Even confirmed optimists are becoming sceptical as to the future of British industry."

That's because they rest on optimism instead of commonsense and personal industry.

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MR. R. C. MORRISON, M.P.:—"The Labour Party is the political expression of the workers."

Only of some workers, which explains the feebleness of its expression.

Without Fear or Favour— *—by the Editor*

DIABOLICAL FOOD GAMBLE

Wanted, a Clean Sheet!

A GLEAM of enlightenment has come to M. Caillaux. He wants to sponge out all European war debts, not because he objects to the payment of just dues, but because he has come to see that it is impossible to take wealth from one nation and bodily transfer it to another.

This is the sheer, bedrock sense we have always taught. The tragedy is that nations will not learn the truth until they are on the verge of ruin.

For what are war debts? And how are they paid? They cannot be returned in lumps of solid gold nor in bags of minted coin. They come from the toil and sweat of the common people.

If Germany is forced to send extraordinary supplies of coal to France then our own source of income from French custom dries up.

So the dismal tale of misery grows. National prosperity is secured only by the even flow of trade. It comes from nice balance of exports with imports, not from the erection of tariff walls.

This balance is the first thing upset by war debts. They hang like a millstone round the neck of commerce. Frantic, slavish overproduction in the country of the "vanquished" is countered by utter stagnation in the country of the "victorious."

It is not the least madness of all the mad futility of war. The great bankers of the world met in conference are seeing something like this and giving expression to their views. M. Caillaux foresees the day when the world will come to see that war debts are impossible burdens.

It is a safe prophecy. To sponge out the war debts may be a heroic remedy, but it is the only way. Make a clean slate, and the world, once again, may become a fit dwelling-place for honest, hard-working, peace-loving men.

Landlords All!

IN a letter addressed to the chairman of the National Association, the Prime Minister expressed his satisfaction at the remarkable expansion in the work of building societies in the British Isles.

The published figures testify that during the last three years there has been an average annual increase of £9,000,000 in the amount advanced—five times as much as in pre-war days.

None can doubt the value of building societies as an incentive to saving, for a citizen who owns his house has a stake in the country that a tenant lacks.

That there have been swindling building societies we know, yet the existence of these need not deter any man from achieving the laudable desire of becoming his own landlord. Were it not for the fact that so many are out for the big bargain, instead of being content to close with the reasonable and equitable offer, it would not pay to float fraudulent schemes.

To pay rent year after year without permanent return, to remain at the mercy of profiteering landlords, and be for ever the sport of circumstances, is not a business proposition.

TYRANNY OF HIGH PRICES

RINGS are not the only forces which work to raise the prices of the necessities of life. The public knows too little of the gambling that goes on in food. It is an evil growth of modern commerce for which no justification exists

DESPITE the fact that the Food Council was established without any real authority, it has certainly performed a useful public service in dragging into the light of day the scandalous way in which food prices are being rigged and manipulated throughout the country.

People have been considerably startled by the Council's belief that despite the acceptance by millers and bakers of its dictum that a difference of 4s. on the sack of flour should mean a difference of ½d. on the price of a loaf, bakers have paid between 2s. and 3s. less than the standard price of flour without making any alteration in the price of the loaf.

This situation is now being thoroughly investigated. If the facts are proved to be as stated, we consider it is the bounden duty of the Government to take appropriate action and ensure that such gross profiteering shall cease.

No less disturbing is the revelation brought about by the Food Council that the London Milk Pool Committee, an official committee of milk traders formed by the Government during the general strike for the purpose of safeguarding supplies, has now been used by its trade members to force a higher price to the consumer than the present situation warrants.

Despite the fact that more milk is now being produced, many children are still under-nourished, and, in our opinion, to stint children of food for the sake of extra profits, let alone the conversion of a body formed for public benefit into a machine for manufacturing private gain, should be made a punishable offence.

WE doubt if the public realises the extent to which its food is interfered with by people who never see it, who do not want it, and who use it simply as a punter uses a racehorse, as a medium of gambling in the hope of "getting rich quick."

There is, for instance, the Metal Exchange, where men, already rich, gamble in tin which they do not own and which they will never see so that they may become even richer.

There is, again, Mincing Lane, where other men gamble in tea and sugar which they do not want and which if they could obtain they would not know what to do with. They never see it, they never handle it, but because of the gambles in which they indulge the prices of tea and sugar rise, and the consumer, who is helpless, pays through the nose.

There is the Baltic Exchange, where other men again gamble in grain. They have no interest in it; they do not want it and they never see it, but deliveries of grain thousands of miles away from the Baltic Exchange change hands again and again on an ever-rising price, and the result is inevitably reflected in dear flour and still dearer bread.

IT is not only food that suffers in this way. There is scarcely a commodity which is in everyday public use which is not gambled on in a whirlwind of excitement by men whose only object is to make money, but who never give a thought to the under-nourished children, the ill-clad and the half-starved people, who are so because of the laxity of Governments that permit such conscienceless transactions to take place with impunity.

If any of these gentlemen who tamper so light-heartedly with the necessities of life under the legal disguise of "business" were to walk into the meanest cottage and steal the food off the plate of the poorest child in the land, he would be promptly awarded a stiff dose of imprisonment.

But on the Baltic Exchange or any other exchange he may steal the food of thousands, he may rob the widow and the orphan, and nobody says anything. The more successful his gambles and the more colossal his roguery, the more the world applauds him as a successful man.

Surely it is time and more than time that this sort of thing was ended?

Lord Bradbury, Chairman of the Food Council, which has just startled the country with its new revelations of price-rigging and profiteering in food

Club Frauds

THE sort of announcement we shall have to get used to during the next few months, if past experience is any guide, comes from Enfield Town.

In a fit of depression, which the coroner's jury called "temporary insanity," William Tuck, a telephone mechanic, committed suicide. For some time past Tuck had been the treasurer of a sick-benefit club, and enquiry showed that he was £40 or so short in his accounts.

How much longer is this perennial scandal to continue? Every year, working men and women who invest in these savings-clubs are robbed to the extent of many hundreds of pounds, yet Parliament seems totally indifferent to their losses, the law contenting itself with punishing the criminals instead of preventing the crime.

The funds of a benefit-club, however small, ought never to be in the custody and control of a single individual. It should be made compulsory in law for all moneys to be banked, as received, in the names of joint trustees, and in the case of the larger concerns for the accounts to be independently audited.

In the smaller clubs the production of the bank pass-book would probably be a sufficient check, and the committee might safely be trusted to audit the finances from week to week.

The simplest Act of Parliament would suffice to confer this measure of protection upon club members, yet the tale of tragedy and disaster lengthens from year to year, and nothing is done.

How many men are to-day branded with the indelible mark of the jail-bird who would never have been tempted from the path of honesty but for the criminal laxity of the law?

If the accumulated funds of rich investors were threatened, instead of the thrifty savings of the poor, there would soon be an outcry in Parliament.

Not simply to punish crime, but to prevent it, is an obligation of justice.

Where is Joshua?

by A. G. GARDINER

NOW the war is over we no longer blow each other to bits with powder and ball, or line our trenches with machine guns. But we line our frontiers with Customs officers. We encompass ourselves with tariff walls

The Rt. Hon. Montagu Collet Norman, D.S.O., Governor of the Bank of England

IN view of the remarkable manifesto issued by the bankers and business men of all countries on the subject of tariffs, it will not be inappropriate to return to the subject I dealt with last week.

The kernel of that manifesto is simple. It is that Europe is starving in watertight compartments. It has lost the leadership of the world to America. It has passed from riches to poverty.

There is not a country which is really solvent. In most of them unemployment is rampant, trade paralysed, currencies in delirium, political disruption and disorder endemic.

The reason is that Europe is still at war. Nominally, the war has been over for eight years. But the tragic fact that the manifesto brings out is that the war, though nominally over, still rages over the whole Continent of Europe. It has changed its weapons, but not its character.

The hidden enemy

The Ypres salient, the Hindenburg line and all the rest of the paraphernalia of the embattled nations are swept away, but in their place invisible walls and invisible armaments and trenches have sprung up over the whole Continent.

We shut out trade with our neighbours as if it were the plague, and our neighbours shut out trade with us as if we propagated the plague, too.

None of us can do the thing completely, for Nature puts a limit upon our insane nationalism. It gives coal to one country, iron to another, cotton to this, flax to that, and so on.

And our necessities compel us to exchange. We like the oranges of Spain and the wines of France too much to refuse to let them come in, and we need the potash of Germany too urgently to keep it out. We cannot feed our vast population unaided, and so we admit the abundant harvests of the Argentine, while the Argentine, unable to provide its own rails and its own coal, permits us to pay for our food with our manufactures.

Fighting against Nature

But while we have to bow to Nature's law of exchange, we defeat it whenever we can by our artificial tariffs, our Customs officers and our trade wars. We try to live in watertight compartments, and though the watertight compartments leak, we make the leaks as microscopic as possible.

That was the condition of Europe, apart from this country, before the war. But the war, instead of sweeping the mischief away, has intensified the disease. Europe to-day is a bewildering maze of tariff walls that shut trade out *and shut it in.* For it is obvious that if we will not buy from our neighbours, our neighbours cannot, and will not, buy from us.

We ourselves have become infected with the disease. We have not yet dared to tax the raw materials of our life and industry, corn, iron and steel, cotton and so on, but already 6,000 articles are on the tariff, with the result that either they are kept out or we have to pay more for them.

The result is that throughout Europe trade, instead of being free as the air, is converted into a form of war. Its natural channels are blocked, and every nation is impoverished by the attempt to enrich itself at the expense of its neighbours.

The cost of living is raised by the effort of each country to produce itself what it could buy more cheaply elsewhere. Exports fall, because if a country does not buy, it cannot sell, and the whole operation of trade becomes paralysed.

Mutual dependence

While Europe is a network of barriers, damming the currents of trade here, there and everywhere, the whole of the United States is an economic plane through which commerce flows from the Atlantic to the Pacific without let or hindrance.

Europe, in a word, is a continent seething with economic war; America is a continent which has achieved economic peace. It has a tariff wall against the outside world, but no tariff wall within.

And since it is a practically self-contained, self-supplying continent, it enjoys all the benefit of Free Trade. That is not the only cause of its prosperity, but it is one of the main causes.

And the bankers and business men of Europe see that the only hope of reproducing that condition of things on this side of the Atlantic is to cease to treat trade as a form of war and to convert it into a process of free exchange for the general benefit.

We must, as the phrase goes, think in continents. The nations of Europe are members of an economic family who can thrive together, but cannot thrive separately.

If, by a miracle, we could awake to-morrow morning and find that every tariff wall from London to Constantinople had fallen at the sound of a trumpet we should discover that the whole face of economic Europe had been magically transformed, and that trade, not for one country only but for every country, had received a stimulus that would speedily breathe new life and energy into the whole complex of things.

Battering down the tariff walls

Unfortunately, there is no Joshua who can sound his horn and lower the walls of our stupid Jericho. But the manifesto that has been launched through all the countries of Europe shows us the way of escape from our prison, and public opinion must do the rest. The issue is as vital to us as to any.

The argument of the Protectionist has always been that while Free Trade is a good thing in the abstract, it must be Free Trade all round, and that if others Protect we must Protect. I think the history of this country for the last eighty years does not support that view; but that is not the point.

Whether localised Free Trade is a wise or unwise policy, no one can doubt that universal Free Trade is desirable. If Europe were an economic unit as America is, it would not only banish trade war, but consolidate political unity and peace.

It is on this foundation only that we can build that United States of Europe which shall give this distracted continent the security and prosperity that the United States of America enjoy.

This is no longer an unattainable dream. For the best part of a century this country has been preaching the gospel of free exchange to Europe. At last Europe is awaking to the truth.

Through its most powerful financial and business voices it cries for deliverance from its tariff prison. It is for this country to take the lead in helping to achieve that deliverance.

Is the great, wide-flung, loosely strung British Empire being strangled in Downing Street?

Strangled in D

THERE are many problems to be considered at the Imperial Conference—emigration, trade, communications, defence—but these will be dominated by a discussion which goes to the root of Empire relationship.

John Derwas Baugh

This is nothing less than whether Great Britain will acquiesce in the surrender of its exclusive Imperial powers, and open the way to a real partnership within the Empire.

This question of equal partnership within the Empire causes consternation in Whitehall. The reason for the alarm is that real equality within the Empire means the elimination of Whitehall and Downing Street in all matters relating to the self-governing Dominions.

At the present time the Governors-General are appointed upon the advice of the British Prime Minister, and all despatches from the Dominions to Whitehall must bear the signature of the Governor-General.

The control of the foreign policy of the Empire is still in Downing Street, and Great Britain only is represented upon the alien tribunal at Geneva. It is hard to believe that anything is to be gained by perpetuating these anomalies until friction and bad feeling compel their removal.

The Dominions have inherited a distrust of Whitehall which is understandable. Whitehall did its best to reserve one continent to those who had the privilege of entry by way of the Old Bailey.

BUT there came a time when the Colonies protested vigorously against the Home Government's obstinate belief that cargoes of criminals and prostitutes were the proper foundation for an Imperial policy.

Private enterprise, after fighting the Colonial Office, founded Victoria and South Australia, and Wellington, Dunedin and Canterbury in New Zealand. The old Colonial Office sacrificed the interests of Canada at every turn.

What does partnership mean? Partnership within the Empire means that each Dominion—and Great Britain—will create and be represented upon a council in London and that the council, the members of which will act only on instructions

Gate of Remembrance

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

WHAT does Armistice Day mean to the next generation of British manhood? Do their pulses beat and thrill to the tinsel pageantry of war? Or does a savage hate of war rise in their hearts at the remembrance of what it really is?

A WEEK hence is Armistice Day. Already the thoughts of millions are turning towards the Cenotaph and Westminster Abbey. Once more Whitehall will be thronged with sorrowing people and the endless files will again pass through Westminster Abbey to pay homage to Everybody's Son who lies beneath the tomb of the unknown soldier.

Armistice Day in 1926 will be in many ways a very different occasion from Armistice Day in 1925. Then it was made the excuse for dancing and revelry and not a little licence.

All that is past history. The Victory Ball in the Albert Hall will no longer be held on Armistice Night, nor will the great majority of the dances and revels that formerly destroyed the very meaning and spirit of an occasion that called for reverence and remembrance tear the hearts of thousands even though they made a few rejoice.

There is still an aspect of Armistice Day that needs drastic alteration. Year by year the memory of the war and what it meant, not only to the country but to the individual, has become more dim; year by year the military pageantry, the spurious glory and glitter with which governments are wont to mask the beastliness of war has become more and more prominent, until the nation's Day of Remembrance is being rapidly turned into a thinly disguised recruiting display.

The naked truth

Let me recapitulate a few facts. Let me try and bring home once more what the war cost us, what war really means, and show the hollow mockery of all the tinsel glory that will fill Whitehall a week hence.

Since Armistice Day is a day of remembrance, then let us for heaven's sake remember. Let us turn our eyes backwards at least for a moment and see not what Governments would have us see, but what is fact and naked truth.

There were over 3,000,000 British casualties in the war. Nearly 1,000,000 of these died for what they believed to be the right. Shall we on Armistice Day cheer the gay uniforms and thrill to the sound of the bugles and the pipes, or shall we vow once more that these men shall not have died in vain, that never again shall the tinsel glitter blind our eyes to the stark reality?

Let us look further afield than Whitehall. Let us look at the 1,000,000 unemployed ex-Service men who fought that their country might live and who now cannot find work on which to exist. Let us remember that among these there are 75,000 badly disabled men.

Facts that are forgotten

We shall do well on Armistice Day to remember the dead; we shall do well to remember the living also. There are over 6,000 ex-Service men in lunatic asylums to-day, few of whom will ever leave them. There are 4,000 men suffering to-day from epilepsy as a result of their war service; 57,000 men were discharged from the forces with tuberculosis; over 20,000 of them have since died.

There is a small army of men with spinal injuries who will never again leave their beds, nor will some 2,000 men ever see daylight again.

How many of you who read these words know or remember that there are even now 9,000 men still in hospital, quite apart from cases of insanity, as a result of injuries received during the war?

These are some of the facts which in seven years have cried aloud against the unthinking revelry of Armistice Night.

But I have by no means come to an end of the tragic list that should put to shame those who dare to flaunt the mocking leer of militarism in the face of a sorrowing nation on such a day as this. The very devils in hell must chuckle with glee to see all the preparations for the next "war to end war" drilled and marshalled round the

The Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard, M.A., who held the service in the Albert Hall last Armistice night

memories of the war that was to end the beastly business once and for all.

Far rather should we think of the 300,000 children who lost their fathers during the war, of whom 18,000 are total orphans. Far sooner should we remember the 20,000 disabled men still receiving out-patient treatment for war disabilities. Far better to forget the uniforms, the bugles and the pipes and think of the 160,000 women who lost their husbands, the 1,000,000 odd women whom the war deprived of husbands who might some day have been theirs, the 300,000 young and fit ex-Service men of the age of thirty years whom the war deprived of any chance of learning a trade and who are now tossing about helplessly in the sea of unskilled labour.

Where is justice?

Better by far to forget the sword and the cannon and ask ourselves what justice has been meted out to the 303,000 disabled men who have been paid a small final allowance and removed from the pensions book under the Final Awards regulations; and to think of the many ex-Service women whose health is permanently impaired by the services they rendered to the nation and who have no statutory right to pension or compensation.

If Armistice Day is to be what it should be in the life of the nation there should be no taunting of such a legacy of pain and suffering by the pageantry of war to come.

There are politicians, and others too, who are only too willing to forget. They must never be allowed to forget. Neither they nor the generations that knew not the war and its horrors must ever be allowed to forget—to forget what war has meant to those who participated in it.

Never, never again!

There has just come into my hands as I write a letter from a sergeant in the Black Watch who disagrees with someone who said that the Mons film should not be shown since "our youth does not need bloodshed and hate thrust upon it." "With that," he says, "I heartily agree. But we need not fear anything from that source, since if the producer of this film has, even in a mild way, portrayed the awful hellishness of war the youth of this country will see to it that never again will there be a repetition of the wholesale slaughter that took place during 1914 to 1918."

The truth of the awful facts that these years represent is seared very deep into the souls of those who lived through them. If we can but sweep away the savage irony of the pompous militarism of Armistice Day we shall have taken a very long step towards sweeping away the very chance of any repetition of them.

Downing Street

by JOHN DERWAS BAUGH

from their respective Governments, will advise the King on Imperial matters.

GOVERNORS-GENERAL will be appointed on the advice of the council. The council will act as a clearing-house of views for the purpose of co-ordinating the foreign policy of the Empire. The court will send its representatives to the League of Nations.

It means that Great Britain may and probably will become a Dominion. It means that the Empire cannot be plunged into war without the *unanimous* vote of the council.

During the forty years before the war there was a steady exodus of population from the United Kingdom. A large and increasing proportion found its way to the Dominions. This exodus grew larger after 1899: it fell in 1908. From that time onwards it increased very rapidly and reached its maximum in 1913.

Since the war the flow of emigration has been cut down to less than half. And yet there are in England to-day thousands of men and women anxiously waiting for an opportunity to settle and make good overseas.

After the war some of our municipalities adopted towns and villages in France. Why not adopt villages and towns in our own Empire for our own people? Would our manufacturers support the scheme?

If they would Bradford might manufacture woollen goods in a sister town in Australia; Northampton might manufacture boots in a sister town in Canada; Macclesfield could produce silk goods in South Africa.

The City of London might adopt Tanganyika, build a railway to Iringa and open the south-west highlands. Covent Garden could adopt some banana plantations in the West Indies, and endeavour to side-track some of the huge profits now pouring into the United States.

SUCH a policy sends out not only the emigrant, but provides employment. The sister towns would adopt familiar names and our men and women would find themselves among their own folk. Such a policy supported by our manufacturers would go a long way towards a solution of our unemployment problem.

No doubt such developments on a large scale would mean considerable transformation and transposition of labour, but Great Britain would not be the loser provided our methods and organisation were made sufficiently flexible to be capable of adaptation to new and varying conditions and opportunities.

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His real name is Harold Maitland Hubbard, but during his crowded and chequered career he has used a variety of aliases.

Hubbard comes of good and well-respected Surrey parents, who provided him with an excellent education. But from the start he has been a rascal.

When he was still in his teens he rewarded his parents for the care and attention they had lavished upon him by standing in the dock at East Grinstead on a charge of theft.

On this occasion he was bound over to come up for judgment if called upon.

Wasted leniency

The leniency of this sentence did not lead him to mend his ways, and a year or so later he stood in the same dock again, charged with obtaining a sum of money by false pretences.

The magistrates were reluctant to convict, and thought they might yet save this wayward youth from a life of crime by binding him over once more. Since then, however, he has gone rapidly from bad to worse.

Some time after being given this second chance he began operating with another in a bookmaking business. This was centred in Oxford Street, and was known as H. M. Hubbard and Co.

Curiously enough, this is one of the rare occasions when our "hero" has operated in his own name.

When the "system" failed

His object seems to have been to induce clients to invest £100 or so in the business on a promise that they would receive something like £10 per week interest from a special "system."

Actually, people who were foolish enough to invest received a proportion of their own money back for a week or two, after which the "system" failed to realise its optimistic objects.

It was about this time that Hubbard again fell into the hands of the police. This very erratic young gentleman, who is to-day only thirty-two, was on a visit to Brighton races, and as the result of driving his car dangerously ran into another vehicle on the road, causing the death of one of its occupants.

He was found guilty of manslaughter and received a sentence of six months' imprisonment.

His next exploit, on emerging from jail, was of a totally different character. He became associated with a company of "general merchants, importers and exporters." He was then using even yet another name, and achieved publicity by dabbling in certain quack instruments.

Amazing impudence

But he achieved nothing but publicity, for he very soon found the company's affairs in the hands of the bankruptcy officials in Carey Street.

With amazing impudence this remarkable man opened up an office in Carey Street, within a stone's-throw of the Bankruptcy Court. Now, however, he adopted the name of H. Lloyd Maitland, and blossomed

H. Lloyd Maitland

forth as secretary of a concern called the National Provincial Mutual Aid Association.

He sent out bundles of printed matter, the gist of which was that the association had decided to use £100,000 of its "reserves" to build houses for its members, and, if necessary, a further £100,000.

On making enquiries at the time, we discovered that the association was merely a trading name for Mr. "Maitland," and we invited him publicly to disclose the whereabouts of his resources.

A dirty trick

For the truth is that whilst he was talking so grandly of £200,000 "reserves," his own banking account was considerably overdrawn. Shortly after our comments had appeared Maitland made a hurried exit from his office, and a warrant was issued.

Maitland had many reasons for wishing to make himself scarce. One was that he had played a scurvy trick upon a firm of City tailors.

After obtaining the confidence of the firm by paying cash for a suit, he placed an order for three others. These he had sent on to his office, promising to hand a cheque to the messenger.

When the latter arrived with the suits he was given a sealed envelope addressed to his firm and was told by Maitland to be very careful not to lose it on the way back.

When this envelope was eventually opened it was found to contain one of the circulars of the Mutual Aid Association, and subsequent enquiries led to the disclosure that the bird had flown.

What was left behind

Meanwhile, the police were restricted in their attempt to trace Maitland owing to the fact that up to that point he had cleverly concealed his real name.

For a time he followed a variety of pursuits, and eventually went to stay at a boarding-house in Golders Green, where he imposed upon the landlady in a cruel fashion.

After running up a considerable account for board and lodging he vanished suddenly one night, leaving nothing behind him but a postcard.

Perhaps his most cruel exploit was one in which his victim was a young girl to whom he had promised marriage.

After winning her affections and obtaining a substantial portion of her savings, amounting to £60, together with a diamond ring, he decamped, leaving her to the bitter discovery that he was already a married man with two children.

Caught at last

Latterly, Mr. Maitland, who was in possession of a passport in the name of H. Lloyd Maitland, has been thoroughly enjoying himself on the Riviera. Without knowing anything of his past record, a Mayfair family engaged him as chauffeur.

In due course he proceeded to the Continent with members of his employer's family, and it was whilst he was driving a Rolls-Royce in Monte Carlo that the police discovered his whereabouts.

After a two years' search he was arrested on being called back to London by his employer.

A few days ago he made his appearance in the dock at Bow Street on two charges of fraud. The young girl whom he had so badly victimised was reluctant to prosecute, which is perhaps lucky for him.

Maitland, who is very annoyed with JOHN BULL, was sentenced by Sir Chartres Biron to twelve months' hard labour and the magistrate observed, "We do not often get in these courts a more thorough rascal."

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Corrupt Government Officials

A PROMINENT judge remarked recently, in so many words, that "Good nature is at the bottom of bribery."

Whether or not this malignant social cancer may be traced to so innocent a source, we have it on the authority of Captain R. M. Leonard, secretary of the Bribery and Secret Commissions Prevention League, that bribery is alarmingly increasing.

There are frequent prosecutions, but they do not touch the fringe of the evil nor do they reveal how widespread it has become. This is mainly due to reluctance of employers to prosecute for fear of the adverse publicity which may follow.

Stiff penalties

The Prevention of Corruption Act, 1906, outlines the penalties for corruption and bribery in no light manner. A term of imprisonment for two years with hard labour and a fine of £500 figure among the penalties which have been imposed.

There is a notorious case of a well-known West End tobacconist who offered commission to a Treasury official and sent tobacco to a principal clerk in order to curry favour in connection with a lease of two of the Channel Islands.

He was fined £61 10s. for the first offence, and £56 5s. for the second.

It is good to know that it is decidedly unwise to approach members of the Civil Service. Take the case of an accountant who offered an income-tax clerk a commission on the profits made on claiming rebate, the clerk being asked to supply information about excess profits cases that the accountant could take up.

The result was that the accountant had to pay a fine of £200 and all the costs of the prosecution.

Everyday business is, perhaps, more subject to bribery and corruption than any other branch of life.

The usual line taken is for an employee to attempt to obtain illegal commission from customers, or for manufacturers to offer employees of his clients a percentage on the profits of the orders given to him.

It may be remarked that the law in this respect is extremely comprehensive and that many of the innocent little "considerations" received by unthinking business people might easily lead them into extremely expensive litigation.

A dangerous business

Trade secrets are guarded jealously. A certain chemical manufacturer learned that to his cost, suffering six months' hard labour for attempting to bribe employees of a rival firm, with the object of learning secret processes.

A friend implicated, willy-nilly, suffered four months' hard labour.

Any person who attempts unsuccessfully to bribe a public official may find himself in trouble. Cattle dealers who have offered bribes to Government officials in order to pass animals for shipment have been mulcted in heavy fines.

Lord Lambourne, President of the Bribery and Secret Commissions Prevention League

The Act weighs as heavily on one side as the other. An inspector of the Ministry of Food, for example, recently received one month's imprisonment because a publican had bribed him not to report offences under the Beer and Spirits Order.

Where integrity must prevail

A Board of Trade food inspector who accepted £5 from a potato merchant to make out a false account was imprisoned for three months.

Then comes a most important case in which an executive officer in the London Telephone Service, who offered £5 to the clerk of a county court to give misleading information in the event of enquiries being made of him, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

This is satisfactory, for it is to the interest of the public in general that two departments such as these should be above suspicion.

Many attempts are made to bribe the police, especially by motoring offenders.

A tempting bribe

A joke appeared in *Punch* some time ago wherein a rector tells the squire that the village policeman must be a "sportsman" as he had overlooked his absence of lights one evening because he gave him half-a-crown. The squire, a justice of the peace, remarked that a shilling was ample!

It is as well to remember that it is a risky business to tempt a police officer to be a "sportsman."

The Hull police may have been severely tempted when a fish-woman gave them 20s. each and offered them a kiss to connive at the fact that she had stolen some fish. But they did not succumb, and the woman had to pay £6 6s.

The cases that might be cited of corruption during the war and which got little publicity at the time would fill a good-sized volume.

Foul traitors

A retired Civil servant who was a barrister was fined £6,000 (£500 on each of twelve separate counts) and ordered to pay the costs of the prosecution for making corrupt gifts to a wing-commander in the Royal Naval Air Service.

The wing-commander was indicted on a charge of receiving the commission in respect of flying machines. The Crown did not proceed.

At Hereford Assizes a War Office buyer was given three months' hard labour and ordered to pay all the costs of the prosecution for accepting bribes in connection with remounts.

Again, the managing director of a clothing contractor's company gave £20 and £25 to two officials of the Royal Army Clothing Depôt to use their influence to obtain contracts for him and was fined £500 at the Central Criminal Court.

Many people were severely penalised for attempting to obtain mess contracts by crooked methods.

One can easily understand the serious view that was taken by the authorities of attempts to have faulty munitions passed by bribery. What kind of men were behind this attempted corruption, one also wonders. At least they were heavily punished.

A slippery path

People are aware that ruses were adopted by men of military age to evade conscription. We are able to publish for the first time what happened to many who descended to bribery.

An Army captain must regret the day he accepted upwards of £1,100 to release recruits. A grocer gave him £875, a merchant and his brother and a tailor abetting the bribery.

One got twenty-one months; the grocer twelve months and £200 costs; the merchant twelve months; his brother and the tailor nine months' imprisonment each.

A man of military age, anxious to obtain supplies of metal so that he could do work of national importance and avoid being called up, offered money to an agent of the Ministry of Munitions. He enjoyed six weeks' hard labour and paid a fine of £50.

If bribery and corruption are more rife than ever, as has been stated, the cure is with every member of the community.

As Lord Hewart truly said, bribery is often the forerunner and instrument of the most cowardly and foul crime—blackmail. It is so easy to slip from the one crime into the other.

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"GIRLIE" MAKES GOOD

"WHAT is it this time?" I asked, as the ambulance pulled up at the hospital door. "An attempted suicide," whispered the stretcher-bearer in reply, and the still and silent form was carried into the emergency ward.

In the dim light of the corridor it was not easy to see the patient, but when she was lifted on to the examination-table I saw her face, and I stood aghast.

"An attempted suicide," I repeated; "why, she's only a child." "And a bonny one at that," commented the doctor as he sought to restore consciousness to the seemingly lifeless form.

An hour later he had succeeded, and the girl opened her eyes to greet an unwanted world.

The next morning, apparently little the worse for her tragic adventure, the patient was sitting up in bed. She looked little more than a school girl and I was surprised to hear that she was "just turned twenty."

A tragic commentary

What a commentary on our modern civilisation! There is something rotten at the core when a child who has scarcely reached womanhood seeks to take her own life.

"Why did you do it?" I asked her kindly. Her reply disarmed me by its amazing candour. "I gave my love to a man and I found he was married," was her answer.

"Who are you?" I went on. Without a word she took something from her purse and handed it to me. It was a little paragraph, evidently taken from the "Personal" column of a newspaper.

"Girlie," it said, "come home, everything forgiven, mother and father heartbroken."

"I'm 'Girlie,'" she said simply, and her eyes filled with tears. I waited a minute before I said, "But why didn't you return when you had such a message?"

That girl was only twenty, but I shall not easily forget the anguish in her voice as she replied brokenly, "I was too ashamed of myself." "But you'll go home now," I persisted. A shadow still lurked in her eyes and her words came very slowly. "I will, if they'll have me."

But that girl did not go to her parents, they came to her. When they were shown into my room I thought a mistake had been made This man and this

Philip Inman

woman were elderly, and when they said, "How's our little Girlie," I had to ask again to make sure that they were her parents.

"She's the child of our old age," murmured the mother brokenly, "and she's very precious to us."

The terrible prospect

The old man stood by and said not a word, but the look in his eyes told its own story of a wonderful relief. "Girlie" had been restored to them—nothing else mattered.

When I had described her wonderful recovery I said, "You would like to be taken to her." And on their faces shone a love indescribable.

But it was a tear-stained woman and a haggard-faced man who came back to my room an hour later. For a few minutes neither of them could speak, and as I watched their emotion I pondered on the cause of it. Surely the girl had not refused to go back home with them. Yet that seemed the only explanation.

Then at last the woman stammered, "The police." In a flash I understood. "Attempted suicide" is a criminal charge.

The girl would have to be brought before a magistrate. She might have to undergo imprisonment.

"Our Girlie in jail," moaned the woman, "I couldn't bear it." And the old man wagged his head sadly.

A life-giving message

The London magistrates are wonderful in the art of discernment. Never slow to temper "justice with mercy," they show a tender solicitude for genuine "first offenders."

When "Girlie" appeared in the dock to answer her charge she was crying bitterly.

And so were two old people sitting in the well of the court. Five minutes later the "prisoner" was in their arms, still sobbing, but now they were tears of joy.

"Placed on probation for a year" was the verdict, and then the magistrate added kindly, "Go home with your parents and be happy."

I might have recounted this story over twelve months ago, for it happened in September, 1925. But I refrained from doing so for a good reason. I wished to see what the end of it all would be, and now I am satisfied.

"Girlie" is still a "probationer," but this time it has nothing to do with the police court.

A month after her return home, with the full consent of her parents, she became a nurse on probation at her local hospital.

Last week I wrote to the matron to ask how she was progressing. Here is an extract from her reply: "One of the best nurses I have."

I am posting that letter to her parents. It will do their hearts good.

The Sentence of the Court

THE QUARTER-DECK QUEUE

Lieutenants Get Left

TRYING desperately to look less like a cherub and more like a hard-bitten sea-dog, W.C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, shivered his timbers and pleaded "Not guilty" when charged with endangering our ruling of the waves by his waiving of the rules.

"The jury will not be deceived," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "by the accused adopting the jaunty air of a boy of the bulldog breed, equally ready to throw the main deck overboard or put a reef in the lee scuppers, for we all know that he is as clay in the hands of the brass hats.

"The latest proof of this is furnished by figures showing the astonishing proportion of flag officers in the Navy.

Four years ago the Geddes Committee was struck by the increased ratio of officers to men as compared with the pre-war establishment, but the position to-day is even worse, for, despite naval reduction brought about by the Washington Treaty, the flag barnacles still stick, if not always to their quarter-decks, at least to their own and the taxpayer's brass.

"There are now five Admirals of the Fleet and seventy-seven other flag officers on the active list, although jobs or sinecures can be found for only thirty-nine. Apart from the shocking expense it involves, this breeds discontent in the junior ranks.

"Of 182 young scions of the sea who became lieutenants in 1924, not more than forty can receive further advancement, owing to the congestion caused by highly paid senility at the top."

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Mr. Strawsplitter said that some misguided economists imagined that with the sinking of the German fleet the need for an efficient Navy had vanished. Not only did he (counsel) not subscribe to this view, but he maintained that, in the interest of "tranquillity," it was better to keep admirals on the active list than to change them into disgruntled critics of the Government by retiring them.

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"When the prisoner's name was called," said Mr. Justice Bull, "I was on the point of asking, 'Who is William Bridgeman?' and not in the spirit of those of my learned brethren who delight in enquiring, 'What *is* a flapper?'

"The truth is that the present Government is so painfully mediocre that one does not readily recognise the undistinguished names of some of its members. Unfortunately, however, the comparative obscurity of these well-meaning politicians does not impair their capacity for playing ducks and drakes with taxpayers' money.

"The explanation of the astounding prevalence of peace-time admirals is, I presume, to be found in the fact that an average admiral has four times as many influential friends as an average lieutenant and ten times as many as a mere taxpaying civilian.

"Economy apart, it is dangerous to the efficiency of the Navy that these oldsters should be doddering about their quarter-decks when they should be ensconced in club armchairs, telling of how they would have won the battle of Jutland if only they had chanced to be there.

"The accused must at once get to work with an axe, or he will be reduced to a political supercargo and placed on the retired list."

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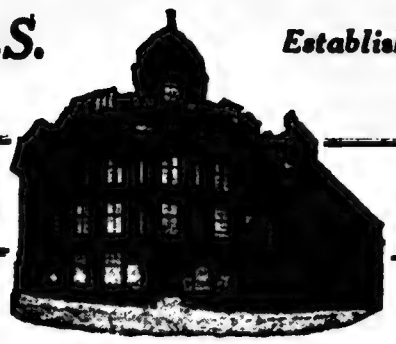

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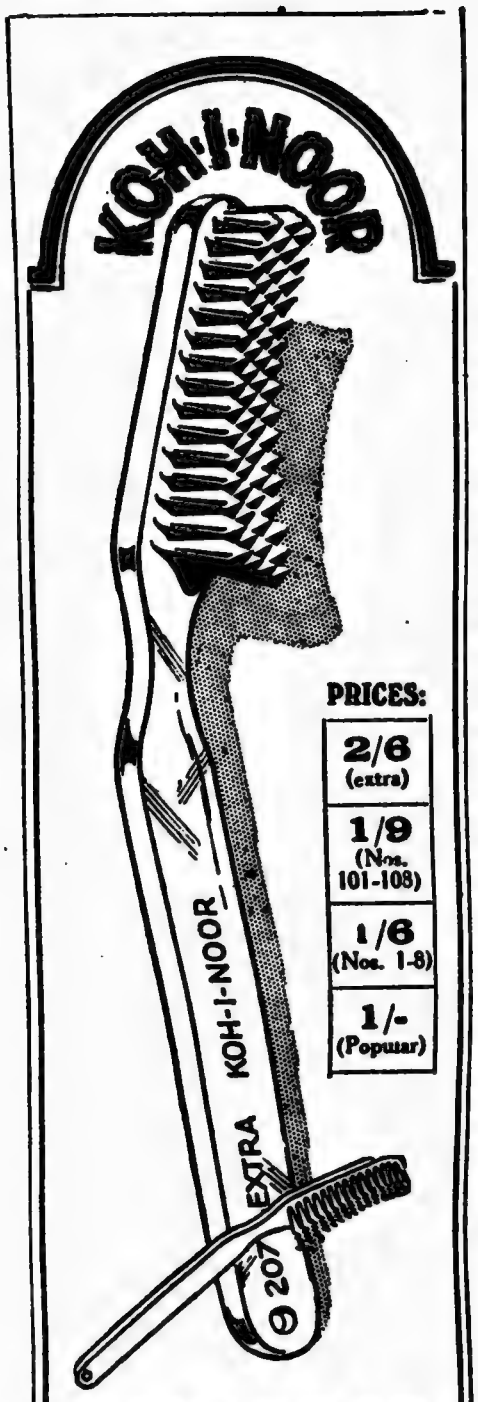

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WHILE the land problem remains neglected, we oppose the policy of wholesale emigration as a solution of unemployment. There is also evidence of exploitation of the emigrant in certain Dominions. But, as our contributor shows, individual cases must be judged on their merits.

HIGHWAY TO HAPPINESS

by **Mrs. LAMB, J.P.** *(Wife of Commissioner D. C. Lamb, of the Salvation Army.)*

I SUPPOSE it is rather unique that Commissioner Lamb and myself should be sitting together as members of a board of guardians. It is now over twenty years since we were elected to the Rochford (Southend-on-Sea) Board, and that being so it will, perhaps, be allowed that I know something about the Poor Law and the sufferings of those who, through stress, are compelled to cast themselves on its tender mercies.

The Poor Law has always been an imperfect instrument for dealing with distress arising from poverty; still it is the acknowledgment of a responsibility on the part of the State, and on that foundation we are building better as our outlook becomes more humanised.

Powers that are not used

If the Government's present proposals go through we are to lose the mixed workhouse, it is true, which is all to the good.

But even now the guardians have powers which are not appreciated fully and not exercised to the extent they might. Guardians are empowered to spend money on the emigration of certain people who become chargeable, if they so desire.

Frankly, I believe, and recently have had proved to me in an emphatic way, that for able-bodied men, women and children who are unemployed here emigration is not only the wisest economy in Poor Law administration, but, which is far more important, that it gives those who are removed from sordid and sterile environment the opportunity of developing their lives in lands where the rewards of perseverance are substantial.

In Canada, Australia and New Zealand, I am convinced there is hardly a part but where there are opportunities for men, women and young people who are able and willing to work.

A Mother's Appeal

Recently I accompanied my husband on a tour through the British Dominions. Here, there and everywhere we met men and women who, having migrated through being unable to earn a living in this country, were living in comfort, and some of them in affluence.

Some families have been known to cost the ratepayers £400 and £500 and over £1,000 in relief. Surely, it would have been far better if the expenses of their emigration had been paid and the opportunity given them of earning their own livelihood.

In Canada, I had a happy experience, but the telling will take me some way back. Years ago, not long after we took up residence in the town in which I live, I was called to a sick woman who was about to be removed to the workhouse infirmary. The poor thing was in a very sad state and she did not recover.

But I had a conversation with her before she died, when she pathetically appealed to me to see that her children were not sent to the workhouse.

I promised the poor mother that they would not be sent there, and as a matter of fact they were the first children of what developed into the children's home, which I carried on for a number of years; ultimately it became one of the Salvation Army homes.

The bairns, a girl and a boy, grew up, and in time we found places for them in Canada. When the Commissioner and I were in Western Canada the boy, now a fine, upright, manly fellow, called on us and had a splendid story to tell. His sister had married well and he himself was on the high road to prosperity.

Mrs. Lamb

Again, at one of our meetings in Melbourne, a young man came up to me and asked if I remembered him. For the moment I did not, but then he recalled our first meeting. It was at a sitting of the board of guardians.

The young man, an officer in the Air Force during the war, was unable to find employment on his return to civilian life. He and his wife were in sore straits. "It is not charity, it is work I want," he informed the chairman of the guardians.

Solving our Social Problems

I asked him if he would be willing to emigrate, he said he would do anything if he were given the opportunity to earn his living. The result was that he was put into communication with our officials.

And here they were, prosperous and happy. The young man informed me that he was earning £6 or £7 a week, and his wife showed me two bonnie children born since their arrival in Australia.

In emigration I sincerely believe we would find the solution of many of our social problems if its value and importance were more generally understood.

Words Winged to Women

The Mothers' Purgatory

by **MABEL HORNER**

A BEAUTIFUL and white-haired old clergyman said not long ago in my hearing, "The measure of any country's Christianity is the status it accords to its women and children." Judged by that standard, there are some homes in this country which, whether they profess Christianity or not, could rightly be deemed very Christian.

The children are well fed, well clothed, well cared for. The mother, the giver of life, is sheltered, as far as humanly possible, from all that would make more difficult her holy and terrible mission of child-bearing. Such mothers seldom die in childbirth.

But there are others. There are the countless women in our great British industries for whom no such gracious prenatal care is available. Something has been done for her, it is true. But that it is not enough I shall prove.

THE maternity benefits have rescued numberless women from the terrors of childbed without any provision for attention and food, the laws against incompetent midwifery have been amended and strengthened.

But the law imposes no limit to the time a woman may continue in industrial employment previous to confinement, nor does the Government propose to embody any such bit of humanity in its new Factory Bill.

The Ministry of Health informs me that it does not consider it "practicable" to lay down the law on the subject, and believes that, "in these days of welfare work in factories, mutually satisfactory arrangements are usually come to between employer and employee," and considers it "advisable to leave the matter to the discretion of the employer"!

TO the honour of some employers of female labour in this country, their welfare work runs before the law. Their women workers are required to intimate to the women supervisors when they are expectant, and they must then take advantage of the firm's arrangements for their help and leave their industrial employment several weeks before the event.

But a matter of such grave import to the nation is not safe in the hands of individuals. Witness this letter I received the other day from a harassed husband whose wife works in a steam laundry.

He states: "My wife worked right up to the last, and would not give up work when I kept asking her to. She was working up to seven o'clock one night and her baby was born in the early hours of the next morning. I informed the manager that my wife was expectant, but he would not take notice . . . he told me they could keep them working as long as they liked."

This man asks, Is it decent for a woman to work amidst men and the awful whirring of machinery right up to the time of her trial? My reply is that it is heathenish, and it is cruel. There is no wonder that so many mothers of the working ranks die in childbed, or that they die in ever-increasing numbers.

This thing has passed beyond the local hopes of reformers. It has long been considered of international importance.

The Washington Conference of 1919 adopted four conventions concerning women in industrial employment, and one of the most important provides "that a woman employed in industry shall, for six weeks before and six months after confinement, be set free from work, be paid benefits sufficient for the full and healthy maintenance of herself and child, and be entitled to the free attendance of a doctor or certified midwife, and in cases where she is nursing her child, shall, on resuming work, be allowed half an hour twice a day during her working hours for this purpose."

Many countries gave lip service to this bit of humane legislation, but only five have embodied it in the law. Those five are Roumania, Chili, Bulgaria, Greece and Spain!

DARE we talk of Christianity in this country while we lag so far behind?

Is a woman's labour in the mill and factory, then, of more supreme value to the nation than her life-giving function of motherhood?

Let the men of the House of Commons, whose own wives in their hour of trial are so comfortably sheltered, and the Ministry of Health, whose primary business it is, decide.

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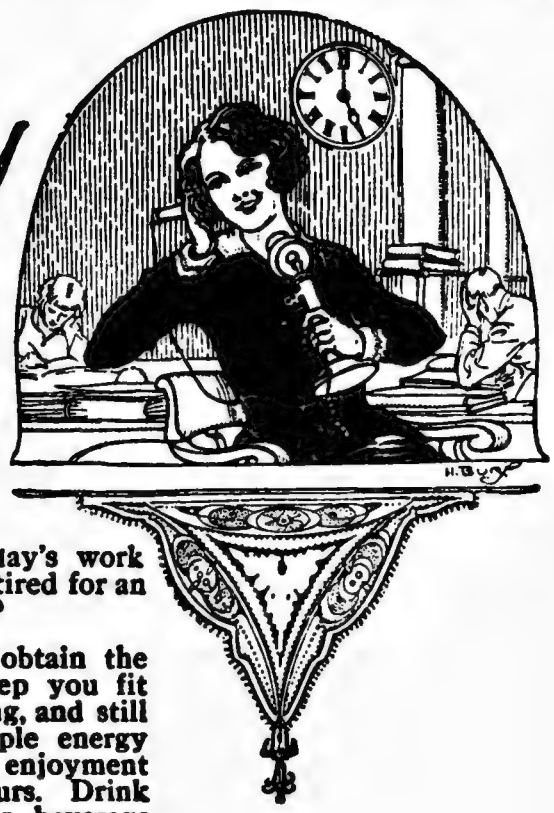

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The Prodigal Parent

A Cruel Cad—Punishing the Innocent—Spiteful Gossip

"WHEN I was three years of age, I was deserted by my parents and the union kept me until I was six. Then some people adopted me, but, from the time I left school, I have had to fend for myself.

"I am now thirty years of age, but I have no one except you to advise me in my trouble; my elder brothers are both abroad and they have never bothered about me at all. It was through one of them, however, that I first got to know of my mother's whereabouts a few years ago.

"I do not ever remember seeing my father. I soon found out that drink had caused my mother's downfall.

"I shall never forget the first time I went to see my mother. The house had a neglected appearance; my mother was living with some man, and it was quite plain to see that most of their money was spent in drink.

"I have now been married for several years. Whilst we were courting, I told my fiancée all about my mother, and she at once expressed a wish to see her, saying that, if we showed we took an interest in her, it would perhaps help her to try to mend her ways.

"The moment we entered the house, I could see that things had not altered. There was nothing to eat in the place and we had to go out and buy food and fetch the bedclothes from the pawnshop. Before we left, I asked my mother if she could not try to be different, and she promised that she would.

"WE went again the next year, but, though my mother knew we were coming, she was not in when we arrived, and a neighbour had to fetch her from a public-house. After that I gave her up as hopeless.

"My mother has only written to me twice since, and each time it was to ask for money. I have had a hard struggle for the last three years, having been unable to get employment at my trade, and I have had to do the best I could with a wage of £2 a week for semi-skilled work.

"Is it my duty to give my mother money which I can hardly spare when I feel that she is to me a mother in name only?"

"HUMANIST" says: *Do not ask, "Should I help my mother?" but "How can I best help my mother." Possibly you are the only one who can save her from her degradation. Do not send her money, but go to see her. If she is still enslaved by drink, the best place for her is a home for inebriates.*

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Blackmailing a Wife

"A COUPLE of years ago, a friend of my husband's deserted the Army and came to this town. Here he fell in love with a girl and married her and there are now two dear little children. Before he married, he told his wife-to-be all about himself and his desertion.

"Soon after marriage, he obtained a sea-going job, and ever since he has been away for several months at a time. During his absence his wife went to live in furnished rooms where she became very friendly with the landlady, to whom, in a moment of confidence, she told her husband's secret. When her babies arrived, she found the rent too much and went to a cheaper apartment.

"A little while ago, she told me that her former landlady's husband was continually calling on her and demanding money, threatening that, if she did not give it to him, he would inform the police of her husband's desertion. She had been afraid to refuse, and had given him about £5 at different times.

"Of course this drain on her slender resources is depriving her and her babies of much that they need. She still seems little more than a girl and she has no relatives here to help her. What do you advise?"

"HUMANIST" says: *She should refuse to pay another penny and tell the cad that, if he molests her again, she will go to the police and lay information against him for blackmail. While her husband could probably be punished for desertion, that is an eventuality which must always be before him, but the blackmailer will realise that he is liable to a heavy sentence of penal servitude, and if he sees that the woman is determined, he will make himself scarce to save his own skin.*

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Nobody's Children

"AS a widow, some time ago I took for my second husband a widower with two children, whom I naturally supposed to be his.

"One of them had been with him since the death of his wife and the other had been put temporarily into the care of a foster-mother, being only twelve months old at the time the mother passed away.

"Of course, I quite understand the duty of a step-mother, having one little one of my own, but some time afterwards I made the discovery that neither of these two children is my husband's, though they were born of his wife and under his roof.

"I am given to understand that the father of the first child is dead, but I believe the father of the second is still alive.

"Since I made this discovery I have a growing fear that these children will bring untold unhappiness into our lives. They are neither my husband's nor mine, but belong to fathers I know nothing about and I feel that I cannot bestow the care upon them they really need.

"Do you think I could get them into a home? If this can be done without any slur being cast upon me, will you please advise me as to the best course to take and the best home for them?"

"HUMANIST" says: *Why should you show less pity than your husband for these poor little ones, who are quite innocent in the matter of their parentage? Try to take them to your heart and give them the mother's love they lack. If your husband wishes to keep them, you will more likely cause untold unhappiness by sending these two motherless bits of humanity into the world as "nobody's children" than by suffering them to come to you.*

Nobody to Love

NEXT to the sadness of "Nobody's Children" is the sadness of those who have hearts bursting with love but no one upon whom to bestow it. There are hundreds of forlorn souls who can be comforted, if those who have the means will send a subscription to "The Greatest of These—" Fund. (See p. 38.)

"RECENTLY a friend, whom I had not seen for over thirty years, came to see me, bringing her husband with her. I had never met him before, but, during the week they stayed with me, he appeared to me to be a very decent sort of man.

A Serpent's Tongue

"After they had gone a relative, who is not on good terms with my old friend, went about telling people that the man who had stayed with my old friend at my house was not her husband and that my friend was separated from her husband seventeen years ago.

"Now my friend has written to me asking if I can take them again for a few days. We are very poor and should be glad of the little extra money they pay us, but neither my husband nor myself would like to think that we had done wrong in having them here.

"My old friend was a friend in need to me years ago, and I do not quite like asking her outright whether she is legally married to the man she introduced to me as her husband."

"HUMANIST" says: *You should not allow spiteful gossip to interfere with your hospitality to an old friend. It is quite possible, if she has not seen or heard of her husband during the seventeen years, that she is married again. If the couple went to an hotel, they would feel very insulted at being asked to produce their marriage certificate, and, apart from your friendship, you should show courtesy to paying guests.*

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The Stain of Murder

"A relative of mine by marriage, who is still a young woman, is the widow of a man who was hanged for murder not long ago. She is struggling hard to make a living by letting rooms, but she cannot obtain permanent lodgers, as neighbours let out that she is the widow of a murderer. Can you suggest anything?"

"Humanist" says: *It is disgraceful that the innocent should be made to suffer for the sins of others in such a manner, but that is the way of the world. I should not consider it wrong for her to remove to another locality and try to start life afresh under her maiden name.*

A Woman's Property

"My second husband has got himself into debt with moneylenders, and I am afraid they may try to take away the home which has been mine since my first husband's death. Can they do this?"

"Humanist" says: *If your furniture is your own property and your husband has contracted these debts without your knowledge, do not fear. If the moneylenders, after you have explained the position, try to sell you up, let me know.*

The Best Help

"I am distressed to find that a girl, who was my bosom friend at school, has partly through misfortune taken the wrong path and lost her honour. I am a bachelor girl myself, living in my own flat, and while I desire to help her in the best way possible, I wonder whether it would be wise to have her live with me as she desires?"

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IT is pleasant to find somebody sticking up for the British working man, as does Sir Frank Fox in his article, "A Good Man Slandered." Outside JOHN BULL he gets more snubs and kicks than words of praise or encouragement, and this attitude of persistent condemnation creates more strife than all the "Reds" in the world. At heart the British worker is a fellow who demands just "a fair deal."—*W. L., Liverpool.*

The Low Level

The British worker is as good a man as ever, but small wonder he is not "all out" when he is denied the just reward of doing his best. Initiative and good work to-day are discouraged by a standard rate for a level of mediocrity, and by the knowledge that a mighty host is being subsidised by the producers. Contrast the earnings of a skilled engineer with the wage of a dustman, policeman, postman, or girl school-teacher, and you will know why the British worker has a sore head.—*J. J. A., Birmingham.*

Sick of Preaching

The working man is sick of being exhorted by writers like Sir Frank Fox to exhibit the same spirit in industry as he displayed in the trenches. Give him a decent house to live in, sufficient wages with which to rear his children and to procure some of the minor comforts of life, and he will live well, work well and continue to serve his country without grumbling.—*A R., Sunderland.*

A Proud Record

It would appear that Sir Frank Fox has some knowledge of the British worker. He is to be congratulated, and it is time those in authority shared his knowledge. In spite of the malicious slanders and gratuitous insults that goad him daily, the British workman still remains what he has always been, unequalled for skill, faith and honesty.—*A. Crook, Ardwick.*

Name Them!

Sir Frank Fox claims that in the main ca'canny is brought about by persons in the pay of foreigners. For many years now I have tried to discover these mischief-makers myself without success. If Sir Frank and others know these parasites, why don't they expose them?—*A. J Austin, Burton.*

Share the Blame

What are trusts, rings, combines, working agreements but devices to keep up prices by restricting output? The employer thus not only limits employment, but makes the consumer pay an unjustified price. The ca'canny policy is wrong, but while we condemn the worker, let us also condemn the more anti-social methods of those who should show him an example.—*D. S. D., Deptford.*

Brief to-the-point letters not exceeding 100 words are invited. 5s. is paid for each letter published. Name and address essential not necessarily for publication. Envelopes must be marked "Letter Parliament."

The Derided "Dole"

Men like Lord Strathspey should be made to understand that the average workman prefers work to "dole" every time. It is rank silliness to talk of "compulsory drafting" of men into work, when the mere rumour of a "big job" in any district sends thousands of men tramping from all parts of the country. —*J. H. Greenwood, Cheshire.*

Lonely Brides

Miss Mabel Horner ventilates a fact that few married men realise. If the husband's work calls for a home away from the girl's people and friends, the loneliness is terrible. Why cannot the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. combine and run a mixed club where young married people could together obtain physical and mental recreation, and make friends? —*E. A. B., Leicester.*

A Fabled Idea

As one of the "underdogs" of the Civil Service, I thank you for your article entitled, "Slaves of the Crown." For the past five years my increases in salary have been overshadowed by bonus reductions, and my position yearly grows worse. I sincerely hope that your article will do much to remove from the public mind the fabled idea of the "ideal job." I also hope (faintly) that when the next cry of "Economy" is raised the "axe" will miss us for once.—*Harassed, London.*

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(Half-a-crown is paid to the sender of every item published. Mark envelopes "Pie.")

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The Widow's Mite

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Real Friends

There is a good example set by the Society of Friends in the district of Rhondda and Pontypridd. They have supplied leather in order that workmen at eight or nine depots could repair boots of the families of miners. Also it is very gratifying to see that the Pontypridd Association of Boot Traders have agreed to repair at least twenty-two pairs of children's boots free of charge weekly.—*A. N., Birmingham.*

Europe's Curse

Mr. E. Roffe Thompson mentions one of the primary curses of Europe when he writes of diplomacy. Large proportions of the erstwhile population of Europe in general live together in amity and prosperity in the United States of America, whereas in their own countries in Europe they have in sequence, "diplomacy," frontiers, armaments, international war, bloodshed, death and destruction, unemployment and misery. There is very little inter-racial hatred among the common peoples if left alone.—*A Disabled Ex-soldier, Piershill.*

How to Use Iodine

More readers than I can answer wish to use iodine for health as I have advised. It is not possible here to give names and addresses of the many products; but in general the use of iodised salt in the kitchen and at table seems the best method. There are many brands on the market here, and there is no excuse for any chemist or grocer who fails to provide or obtain one or another on request. In all cases of illness, of course, one must be seen by a doctor. (Many iodised sweets are now being made, but one cannot name them nor their dose until the makers are agreed as to the quantity of iodine to include.).—*C. W. Saleeby, M.D., F.R.S.E., London.*

Disclaimed Connection

JOHN BULL of October 16 contained an article dealing with the affairs of "the Danish Ham and Produce Company." Will you draw the attention of your readers to the fact that this company does not represent Danish interests, and should not be confused with *bona fide* Danish companies such as the Danish Bacon and Co-operative Trading Company.—*C. E. Aagaard, Press Attache, Danish Legation.*

Cartoonettes and Topical Jingles

by FRANK HOLLAND

As Asquith's gone it follows on
That Liberals now must choose
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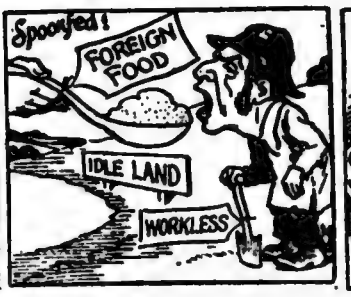

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I Will Not Doubt — Cowen
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Top of the Hill — Samuel
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The Guardian Angel — Lehmann
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The Willow Song — Sullivan
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Woodland Song — Clutsam
Prelude in C Sharp Minor — Rachmaninoff
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Daphne — Dunhill
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Summer Evening — Ireland
Valse in D Flat — Chopin
Fifth Symphony, 3rd Movement — Beethoven
Consolation — Arensky
Minuet — Boccherini
Fifth Symphony, Final Movement — Beethoven
Nocturne in F — Chopin
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Rhapsodie Hongroise II. — Liszt
Cairo—Intermezzo — Fletcher
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Pathetic Symphony, 3rd Movement — Tschaikowsky
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WHEN in doubt back the first or second favourite is the motto of a large army of punters. At one time this was easy, as most bookmakers accepted the wager without a horse being named, but nowadays many of the small men bar second favourites. To find the selected horses backers have recourse to the betting forecast given in their daily paper and, more often than not, they burn their fingers.

No Reliable Advance Service

I know this is a general practice, as seldom a week goes by but I receive several letters asking me if there is a daily paper whose forecast of betting is reliable. In every case I reply there is not.

False News is No News

If it were possible to give this information accurately it would appear daily in the premier sporting paper, *The Sporting Life and Sportsman*, but it cannot be done. Rather than give misleading information, it is not attempted.

Sheer Guesswork

Betting forecasts may be the genuine beliefs of their compilers, but, nevertheless, they are sheer guesswork. Until operations commence in Tatt's no one knows what money is forthcoming to make a market, and yet most of these tables are framed twelve hours or more in advance of racing.

Quoted 4 to 1; S.P. 100 to 7

I have before me one of the Newcastle programmes. Three of the day's winners, Orange Mist, Cartona Filly and Bright Land, were not quoted. The latter was not even given as a probable runner. Angele's Hope, won at 100 to 7, was forecast at 4 to 1. The remaining two winners, although not correct, were on the mark, but I think this is sufficient to show that the advance betting is not of much service to punters. My advice to those who want to follow first or second favourites is to write to the big advertising Turf commission agents. They will most likely be accommodated.

Purple Shade at Last

I coded Purple Shade to win the Non-Stayers' Handicap at Lingfield, and had hopes of at least 6 to 4. One or two lucky backers snapped 2 to 1, 6 to 4, and evens, but before you could say "knife" the son of Royal Canopy was odds on. This was Purple Shade's first win since June, 1924, and he had fourteen consecutive failures to his credit.

A Battle of Wits

One bookie whom I know very well and a professional backer were the centre of an amusing duel of wits. I will call the bookmaker Joe. "How much, Joe?" said the pro. "A little at 6 to 4" was the answer. "Give it me to 200?" "No, only to 50, and Purple Shade is now evens." "Right," said the pro. "And I'll have a level 200." Joe booked the bet and returned. "The price is now 2 to 1 on." The pro was satisfied, but he only landed his two bets by the shortest of short heads.

Carslake a "Chalk" Jockey

One of my northern correspondents tells me that when "Brownie" won on Duration II. at the recent Catterick meeting he had the odd experience of riding as a "chalk" jockey. Some of my readers will not know that a chalk jockey is an unknown lad, or one whose services are not often in request. Consequently, when he does get a mount, before his name can be inserted in the runners' and riders' frame, it is chalked on a board. Of course, this is absurd as far as Carslake is concerned. The reason a board was not available for him was due to the fact that this was his first mount at Catterick. Many of the layers in Tatt's paid him the pretty compliment of refusing to take any odds Duration. The filly won in a canter at 2 to 1 on.

Fete, the 12,000 Guineas Youngster

Some time ago I heard that Fete, the Tetratema filly, for whom Sir Victor Sassoon gave the huge sum of 12,000 guineas as a yearling, was useless for racing. This has not been confirmed, but it can be taken for granted that the filly will not make a public appearance until she is a three-year-old; the youngster is being given plenty of time in which to mature. This was the method adopted with Common, and it proved highly successful. Common came out as a three-year-old and carried off the Two Thousand Guineas, the Derby and the St. Leger.

FOR YOUR NOTE-BOOK

LORIENT, a 4 to 1 code winner at Doncaster, will most likely win again on Saturday.

ELLA COLT, whom I saw run a fine race against Globula some months ago, should be noted for his Worcester engagement. The youngster is engaged in the Riverside Nursery.

PADDY has a distinct liking for turns and has won both at Epsom and Alexandra Park. Another London Cup may come his way, on Saturday.

GLOMMEN should win the Jockey Club Cup.

SHIAN MOR is my selection for the Free Handicap.

How Flummery Briar Won

If you want a real hearty laugh I can recommend a little racing story, "How Flummery Briar Won," which is one of the many plums in the JOHN BULL CHRISTMAS ANNUAL. I should like to have Flummery in my stable. He'd win when the money was down, but wouldn't try a yard when his owner whispered in his ear that he was not fancied. But, in racing, there are wheels within wheels. When Flummery Briar was to land a *coup* his jockey was "got at." Flummery won all right, but thereby hangs the tale. If I give away too much I shall not be allowed to see another advance copy of the JOHN BULL CHRISTMAS ANNUAL. It will be on sale on Friday, November 5, and it will be the best sixpennyworth on the bookstalls.

Riding for Lord Astor

I hear that Henri Jelliss, the Anglo-Belgian jockey, has been retained to ride as first jockey for Lord Astor next season. He will make good. Jelliss was born at a little town that few of us will ever forget, Mons, thirty-four years ago. I do not think he has ever ridden a Classic winner, but he was up on Long Set in the Cambridgeshire and Yutoi in the Cesarewitch.

Henri Jelliss

Freak Results

Over the sticks I have seen some amazing races. At one of the Park meetings I remember Fair View clearing the last jump with a lead of a furlong, and in the run in lie flat pumped out. At Plumpton on another occasion a loose horse brought down the leading flight of six horses, and Playful, tailed off, had the race at her mercy; but the Maldon Chase at Chelmsford last week will take a bit of beating. All three runners, Ardeen, Foxtrot and French Leave, came to grief and were remounted. Ardeen and Foxtrot ran a dead heat!

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3 DRAWS.—Portsmouth v. Port Vale, Watford v. Luton, St. Johnstone v. Queen's Park.

3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Leicester, Manchester C., St. Mirren, Bolton, Accrington.

1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—Notts Forest, Arsenal, Sunderland v. Newcastle.

FORECASTS FOR NOVEMBER 6.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

HOME WINNERS.—Arsenal, Bolton, Burnley, Cardiff, Leeds, Manchester U., Newcastle, Sheffield U.

AWAY WINNERS.—Huddersfield.

DRAWS.—Aston Villa v. Tottenham, Derby v. Leicester.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.

HOME WINNERS.—Chelsea, Clapton O., Hull, Middlesbrough, Port Vale, Preston, Southampton, Wolverhampton.

AWAY WINNER.—Manchester C.

DRAWS.—Bradford C. v. Grimsby, South Shields v. Swansea.

LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (NORTHERN).

HOME WINNERS.—Crewe, Lincoln, Rochdale, Stockport, Tranmere.

AWAY WINNERS.—Chesterfield, Nelson, Stoke.

DRAWS.—Accrington v. New Brighton, Durham v. Wrexham, Hartlepools v. Bradford.

LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (SOUTHERN).

HOME WINNERS.—Brighton, Exeter, Luton, Merthyr, Millwall, Northampton, Norwich, Swindon.

AWAY WINNER.—Plymouth.

DRAWS.—Brentford v. Bristol C., Southend v. Watford.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

HOME WINNERS.—Aberdeen, Dundee, Hamilton, Glasgow Rangers, St. Johnstone.

AWAY WINNERS.—Celtic, Queen's Park.

DRAWS.—Dunfermline v. Motherwell, Hearts v. St. Mirren, Kilmarnock v. Falkirk.

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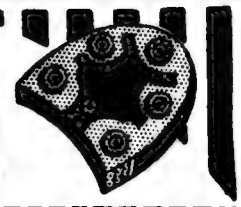

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"A STITCH in time saves nine." An old tag certainly, but never truer than at the present time, when hesitation to seek real counsel frequently leads to disaster. Take the "stitch in time" by sending your queries to JOHN BULL'S Free Advice Service. Our experts will put you on the right road, whatever form your difficulty takes. Send particulars, with stamped, addressed envelope. The advice given may confidently be followed, and will save you, as it has done thousands of others, heaps of worry and possibly lots of money.

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W. N. (Glasgow).—"I was saved, but the poor dog was killed." What a shame!

P. E. G. (Norwich).—"He is a rank bad egg." Then for goodness' sake don't drop him!

J. W. L. (Ledbury).—"Tunney is a vegetarian." We noticed that he gave Dempsey beans.

W. N. (Ilkeston).—"Please tax your memory." Great Scott, has it come to that now?

ELLIE (Leeds).—"I'm getting on well as a dancer." Progressing by leaps and bounds, we suppose.

M. B. C. (Blagdon).—"The truth will leak out some time." It must have leaked out of you some time ago.

W. L. (Bury).—"She told me she was fond of a joke." Still, that doesn't necessarily mean she will marry you.

P. A. (Bradford).—"As you see by the enclosed article I can foretell the future." Then we need not apologise for sending it back.

D. N. (Perth).—"I have a weak heart, weak stomach and a weak chest." You should go for a holiday for three weaks.

G. F. (Otley).—"As a man sows so shall he reap." Not always. If he sows canary seed it doesn't follow he'll reap canaries.

M. D. S. (Brighouse).—"Before I married and had a family I was a really first-class cricketer." And now you're always out first bawl, we guess.

MRS. H. (Lewes).—"He gave me the pills, but wouldn't tell me the directions." That needn't worry you. The only direction for a pill is down.

SUSIE (York).—"Why are the old songs always considered so much better than the new?" Because they're not sung so often.

H. M. (Wakefield).—"I admit taking the gas stove, but it was in a moment of weakness." Heavens! man. What would you have taken in a moment of strength?

MRS. F. (Blaenau Festiniog).—"Although I've told you this I hope you don't think I'm ungenerous." On the contrary. You even give your friends away.

MRS. L. (Halifax).—"I want to see the word 'obey' deleted from the marriage service." You want to rob a dreary occasion of its one bit of humour.

B. G. (Chorley).—"After this I suppose you'll say I'm no gentleman." Oh, no, we merely think you're one of those persons who prefer brunettes.

W. N. (Hillingdon).—"He became engaged to her, married her and they were a loving couple until he began to stay out late at night." Diamonds, hearts and then clubs were trumps.

P. T. (Oxted).—"Life is full of poetry." So is our wastepaper basket.

FRED. M. (Victoria).—"Can you recommend anything to brace me up?" Braces

S. L. (Bradford).—"My fiancée is the sweetest girl on earth." See letter above.

ANXIOUS (Oxon).—"If I sent you an article on 'Xylopyrography' would you print it?" Not half.

L. G. (Hastings).—"I frequently pass through Long Acre at night." We are arranging for illuminations.

MRS. A. (Liverpool).—"Have you ever seen an Epstein bust?" No, madam, we have never seen any man bust.

JESSICA (Shanklin).—"Don't you agree that the handsomest women in history have always been dark?" That is not a fair question.

W. E. (Chipping Sodbury).—"The old rule of three is good enough for me." Then don't get married or you'll have to submit to the rule of one.

"DISGUSTED" (Bicton).—"After chopping wood for a good hour she gave me fourpence." That's enough to make one bitter.

M. B. (Dingwall).—"The curious thing is there are no Biblical warnings against horse-racing." Rubbish. What about "a horse is a vain thing for safety"?

MRS. G. (Whitchurch).—"Black jewellery is to be very fashionable this winter." But how to get it out of the ground is the question.

H. L. K. (Gerrards Cross).—"I came down here for a brief holiday and have been struck by the beauty of the place." The aggressive hussy!

MRS. K. (Buckhurst Hill).—"Living in the country I would very much like to know what women are wearing." Aren't all women more or less wearing?

MRS. R. D. (St. Helens).—"If I had plenty of money I would dress like a decent woman." But those with plenty of money don't.

W. J. S. (Bournemouth).—"I forgot to pack my liniment." Well, we presume it was marked, "Not to be taken?"

R. J. D. (Leeds).—"If politicians would tell the truth we should know how they stand." Now we only know how they lie.

BERTIE E. (Mayfair).—"I have bought a garden roller." We prefer the old-fashioned method of pressing trousers under the mattress.

A. H. (Coventry).—"There are thousands of generous people in the world." But so few of them have any money.

K. K. (Brighton).—"I had a lot of trouble to borrow the fiver." Well, he'll have a lot of trouble to get it back, won't he?

"I don't think Dr. Smithers knows his job. Two years ago he told me I had only six months to live."
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N. H. (Whitchurch).—"I'm afraid my letter is too short." It couldn't be.

T. B. (Finsbury).—"Life is full of stumbling-blocks." Turn them into stepping-stones.

B. Y. (Odney).—"There are no short cuts to wealth." You're mistaken. Barbers charge a lot for shingling.

R. W. (Hull).—"I hate people who want the earth." Yet we should be inclined to let them have 6 ft. of it.

L. L. (Cowes).—"Do you really think there is a devil?" As we read our correspondence we are convinced there are many.

LASSIE (Lincs).—"I have just passed a delightful hour in the British Museum." Was your mummy with you?

FREDDY (London).—"Why is the Southend pier such a long one?" So that one-day trippers can say they saw the sea.

M. D. S. (Ware).—"What really is appendicitis?" Something that enables a doctor to open you up so that you may open out your purse afterwards.

K. K. (Reigate).—"I dashed out to give the young rascal a thrashing, but I couldn't find him." He had given himself a good hiding, we suppose.

MRS. J. (Coventry).—"The backyard is so small I can never hang out more than two sheets at a time." Then you'll never get three sheets in the wind.

MRS. L. (Canterbury).—"I can put wonderful mends in a man's suit." And make it so that it doesn't look a darned suit at all, we suppose.

H. J. (Richmond).—"Go on with your paper; I like it." Greatly encouraged, we have decided to produce another issue next week.

A. L. (Mitcham).—"A certain girl and I are to be married before Christmas." We expect she was certain long before you were!

MRS. F. (Norbury).—"My present husband is as unpunctual as my first was punctual." So now you have two late husbands.

A. C. (Newport).—"Words won't feed a hungry family." Well, a few words on a *Bullets* coupon may bring a fine plump Turkey or a Surrey Fowl for your Christmas dinner.

P. L. (Greatham).—"I ran a mile in my plus-fours and just managed to catch the train." And then you and the train left the station together with loud pants.

E. W. (Hull).—"Having everything you like won't make you happy." But liking everything you have will.

L. N. (Davenport).—"I don't know how much my husband earns." Something more than he says and less than you think.

H. M. (Leeds).—"All I want is peace and quiet in the evenings." Wear a pair of very tight headphones, but don't connect them to the wireless set.

F. J. (Northesk).—"I got burnt with fireworks last November 5, so this year I'm having nothing to do with them." Wise guy.

BERT (Letchworth).—"I can trace my ancestry back to the Normans." Well, they're dead, so it won't worry them.

W. McM. (Reading).—"He called me a rogue and a liar, but he didn't say I was a thief." A fellow can't remember everything, you know.

T. N. H. (Birmingham).—"The management reserved the right to exclude anyone they thought proper." A very improper proceeding.

MISS F. H. (Dublin).—"What steps should a girl take when a stranger speaks to her in the street." Long and quick ones, towards the nearest policeman.

ROSE J. (Blackburn).—"Only one thing keeps me off the stage." We know! The managers have seen you act.

JOHN K. (Bristol).—"The girl at the restaurant said my money was bad." You should have told her that the food wasn't good either.

S. S. (Paignton).—"Why are not M.P.'s salaries subject to cost-of-living figures?" These figures are only issued to regulate the wages of workers.

F. M. (Salisbury).—"I was in London on holiday and passed by your window." We thought we noticed a shadow.

ARCHIE (Tooting).—"When the burglars saw me coming down the stairs they appeared dazed for a moment and then fled." Scared, probably, by your loud pyjamas.

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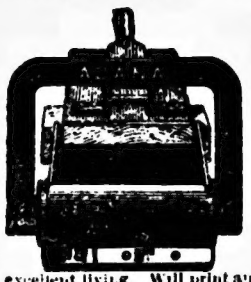

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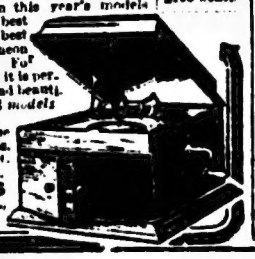

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The Greatest of These . . . . . ."

A Footballer's Misfortune

Amateur Player's Desperate Plight.

LAST week we received from the secretary of a provincial amateur football club an appeal for assistance on behalf of one of the members. He says:—

I have just returned from visiting one who used to play for my club. He has an ailing wife and four young children. I found the home in chaos and the parents in a desperate state owing to having received a process for £2 6s. arrears of rent.

The poor fellow has been unable to obtain employment at his trade for over two years and has had only a few weeks work as a labourer during that period. His unemployment benefit is stopped and his only support is a ticket for groceries.

The children are badly in need of clothing and the wife needs more nourishing food. If the "Greatest of These—" Fund ever has more deserving cases than this, God help them.

Upon making further enquiries we received the following testimony from a local parson who saw much service as a chaplain to the forces during the war. He says:

I can vouch for these statements. The parish church has done its best to relieve this man and his family, but since there are many such calls on it, and the church cannot possibly relieve them all in a material way, I should be glad if this man, especially, could get some really substantial help from you.

HERE is another case, that of an ex-Service man who, through a long period of unemployment, has had to depend upon outdoor relief and assistance of a relative almost as poor as himself to maintain his wife and family.

The guardians, however, have stopped the outdoor relief and offered the alternative of the workhouse.

The man's appeal is moving, telling of his heart-ache at the sight of his little ones ill-nourished and insufficiently clad, and it is endorsed by the local minister, who says:—

The case is a very sad and deserving one: he has a wife and four children who are constantly unwell through malnutrition. I hope you will give his case sympathetic consideration.

We could fill pages every week with similar instances of terrible suffering through unemployment and poverty, all well authenticated by social workers whose own resources are insufficient to enable adequate relief to be granted.

"The Greatest of These——" Fund does not overlap other charitable societies; it seeks to succour in cases of distress which are either untouched by other organisations or inadequately assisted from lack of means.

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It was whilst he was actually travelling in search of orders that a train of careful thought produced the clever *Bullet*—BRITAIN AND AMERICA—SEEKS WORK—SEEKS WORKS. Even Mr. G. Bernard Shaw must envy Mr. W. C. Shaw the £250 royalty these few words have brought their author.

"I have been entering *Bullets* for many years," writes the winner, "and my success in winning 'Target' Prizes made me confident that I was on the right lines and would eventually pull off a bigger prize."

Mr. Shaw thinks that *Bullets* "fills a great want in these strenuous times." There is another £250 waiting to fill a great want in somebody's pocket this week.

Your Christmas Dinner

Christmas is coming—and *Bullets* Christmas dinners are going. A second batch of 150 *Bullets* Turkeys and 300 Surrey Fowls adorns the £250 prize-list this week, reviving pleasant memories for those who won a Christmas dinner last year.

"A royal feast, most delicious and tender," wrote Mr. J. F. Walters (3, Railway Cottages, Virginia Water) of his *Bullets* Turkey last Christmas, and his letter was typical of hundreds which poured in from delighted winners all over the British Isles. That is why we have nearly trebled our offers of Christmas dinners this year.

If you would like a nice plump Turkey or a succulent Surrey Fowl to arrive at your home just before Christmas Day, let a good *Bullet* put you amongst this week's 450 winners and we will do the rest.

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FILM OF LIFE	SILENT TEAR
WHAT FATHER DRINKS	THE BREAD-WINNER
WHAT IS A LOAN?	VILLAGE CHOIR

These Examples may be made use of on the Coupons on this page, and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11.** All Coupons so used **MUST** be marked clearly with the number **618** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these Coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. **618**, JOHN BULL, Long Acre, London, W.C.2 (Comp.). Such Coupons must not contain any of the Examples for "Bullets" No. **617.**

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FUTURE SOLDIER
NOT HER FAULT
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SAID TO NEWLYWED
LATE HOME
THOUGHTLESSLY
MAKES HER SIT UP
AUTOMATIC MACHINE
IN CHINA
ROOT OF EVIL
DIVORCED
BABY'S PHOTOGRAPH
AFTER
WHEN SANDY PAYS
ENTERPRISING
HER CAR
WITHOUT RESPECT
SHOULD BE REALISED
WHAT THE CRITIC SAID
THE BOSS'S WIFE
CHILDREN'S HOUR
IF WAGES WERE DOUBLED
MORE THAN ONE
SECRET WEDDING
YOUNG BLOOD
IF SHE'S UP-TO-DATE
WHAT IS A FILM?

"BULLETS" RULES.

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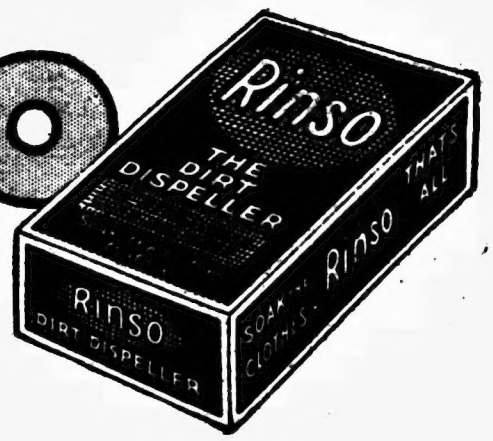

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